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Hong Kong Dollar Rating

Shanghai, Aug. 20.
The Foreign Exchange Stabilization Committee announced today the Hong Kong dollar rate at CN\$7.550 buying, and CN\$7.350 selling on the basis of the U.S. dollar rate.
The U.S. dollar open market rate remained unchanged today at CN\$34.500 buying and CN\$33.500 selling.—United Press.

New Air Speed Record

Muroc, California, Aug. 21.
A stub-winged Navy jet-propelled D-556 Douglas Skystreak, piloted by a veteran combat flier, today bellowed four times over a three kilometre course at an average of 640.7 miles per hour to set a new international air speed record.
The plane, piloted by Commander Turner F. Caldwell, clocked 655.4 miles an hour on the fastest of its four flying passes.
The course was over this arid Mojave desert Army air base.
Caldwell, who flew scouting planes and fighters in the Pacific area during the war, said his speed runs were made at an altitude of about 75 feet.
The new record was 16.9 m.p.h. faster than the record established a month ago by Army Colonel Albert Boyd in a jet P-50B.
Caldwell died only two weeks ago.—Associated Press.

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BLAST IN OIL COY'S PLANT ROCKS HAIFA

Jerusalem, Aug. 21.
An explosion rocked Haifa early today near the works of the Socony Vacuum Company. First reports said damage was reported to be slight and without casualties.

There were also unconfirmed reports of another explosion at the East Hotel near the King David Hotel.

The East Hotel houses several Government departments and is 100 yards from the United States Consulate.

Meanwhile, one soldier was seriously injured today when a military truck was blown up by an electrically detonated mine on the outskirts of Nablus.

The detonating mechanism was found 40 yards off the road hidden behind a brushwood screen.

Refugees

In Jerusalem, Sir Alan Cunningham (High Commissioner) announced that the Jewish refugees on the "President Warfield" would be shipped to Hamburg inspired military and police precautions without precedent except when Hagana openly defied the British administration more than a year ago.

The army and police, alike obviously expected violent reaction from the Jewish community embracing moderates and extremists.
The Jewish Agency, in-

mediate went into full session and some sort of bitter and hostile reply is anticipated.

Jewish Agency circles feared they would be unable to prevent Hagana from some sort of retaliatory action while the Stern Gang and Argun also are expected to go into action.

Another dispatch said the East Hotel explosion occurred inside an Arab shop within the hotel building.

There was no damage to the building and no casualties.

New Forces

The police identified the perpetrators as members of a new Arab movement called "Hurrieh" (Arabic for freedom) which deals exclusively with the Arab boycott of Jew-produced goods.

This was the first time the anti-terror alien in Jerusalem sounded because of Arab underground action.

The owner of the shop is an Arab who sold Jew-produced building materials and paints.

This appeared to be the first time that Arabs resorted to internal terrorism since the 1936-39 Arab revolt.—United Press.

Indonesians Prepare To Leave Capital

Batavia, Aug. 21.
Indonesian leaders are preparing to abandon their capital in anticipation of renewed war as the Netherlands Governor General, Van Mook, charged the Indonesians with a two-year record of "murder, arson and torture."

Van Mook announced in a radio broadcast here that Indonesian authority over the rich regions of Sumatra and Madoera, occupied by Dutch troops since July 21, would not again be recognised by the Dutch.

In the sharpest criticism he has ever voiced of the Republic, Van Mook declared that the Netherlands cannot indefinitely continue to leave the way open for the Republic "to change its attitudes and methods."

Neutral observers in Batavia said his remarks possibly pre-empt a drive on Jogjakarta.

Dutch military and civil officials are reported to have recommended such action to the Dutch government in The Hague.

A dispatch from the Netherlands capital said the Cabinet met in another emergency session to consider the conflict. Van Mook said the only au-

Against CNRRA

Shanghai, Aug. 21.
New charges of corruption of high CNRRA circles are under investigation today, only a few days after the Director, P. H. Ho, explained away anonymous charges made to a local procurator of wholesale "squeeze."

The "Hsin Min Pao" reports that nine provincial governors and three mayors in Manchuria accused a CNRRA regional director of corruption.

It is understood that Ho is sending a group of special investigators, including an auditor, to Manchuria this morning.—United Press.

"NO FRENCH AID FOR BAO DAI"

Paris, Aug. 21.
Informants in the Colonial and Foreign Ministries said on Wednesday that former Emperor Bao Dai of Annam had no chance of securing French support for forming a non-partisan government in Indo-China.—Associated Press.

Elections In China...

"No Postponement Will Be Considered," Says Spokesman

Nanking, Aug. 21.
Government is not considering postponement of China's general election. Election preparations are going ahead full swing, a Government spokesman said today.
At an earlier meeting of National Assembly delegates, it was decided to recommend postponement of the elections and to convene an extraordinary session of the National Assembly to revise the procedure and enforcement of the Constitution which the Assembly adopted last December.
The delegates pointed out that Communist occupation of about 22 provinces and municipalities in North China and Manchuria made a free, democratic election impossible.—United Press.

New Housing Scheme Proposed By Council

An important statement on housing was laid on the table in Legislative Council yesterday. Encouragement is given to the individual prepared to build his own home, and large sites may be allocated, at a reduced premium, to promoters of building schemes, with special consideration assured to non-profit-making organizations.

The statement reads: Government is prepared to allocate building sites, including particularly Jardine's Lookout and Kowloon Tsai, for building schemes, by private treaty, at a reduced premium.
This will vary in accordance with the control or limitation to be exercised on the profits to be derived from any particular scheme.

Special consideration will be given to bona fide non-profit making associations.
Sponsors of building schemes are invited to submit technical and financial plans in respect of particular areas in as full detail as possible to the Director of Public Works within six weeks from the date of this announcement.

Conditions of Grant
A condition of the grant by private treaty of any lease at reduced premium to permit building in accordance with the needs of the community will be that the lessee cannot be sold or sub-let without specific approval of Government for a period of twenty years from the date of issue.

Government is further prepared to alienate by private treaty at reduced premium available individual building sites to citizens who desire to build their own homes.

The conditions of alienation will include stipulation barring resale or sub-letting without permission for a period of twenty years.

A further condition of application will be that the applicant undertakes himself to live in the house he proposes to build.

If there are two or more applicants for any one site it will be awarded by ballot.

U.S. Plane Couldn't Land On Hainan

A Pan-American World Airways aircraft, on a survey flight to Hainan Island yesterday morning, was refused permission to land at Hoihow, capital of Hainan.

The aircraft left Hong Kong at 8 a.m. and returned three and a half hours later.

It was understood that the authorities at Hoihow had been informed of the flight.

The local office of Pan-American last night could offer no explanation for the Chinese authorities' action.

"Half Man And Half Ape" Creates Panic Near Shanghai

Shanghai, Aug. 21.
The British-owned North China Daily News today reported that "a fiend," described as half man and half ape, is "striking terror into the hearts of villagers near Pei Len Ching Creek, South Footing, across the river from Shanghai."

Terror reigned last weekend when a mother suckling a child on a sampan (small boat) on the creek had the baby torn from her by "something in the water."

The following night a seven-year-old girl was dragged into the water from another sampan but was saved from harm when police fled into the water.

Consumer Goods Prices In Shanghai Skyrocket Up

Shanghai, Aug. 21.
Prices of consumer goods—especially imported supplies—jumped following the adoption of the open market rate.
The retail price for gasoline rose more than 50 percent to sell at CN\$13,000 per gallon compared with \$6,000. Taxi fares jumped from CN\$20,000 (minimum of 20 minutes) to CN\$32,000 plus a 20 percent tip.

Canned foods, cigarettes, toilet articles and medicines also went up in price.

Most retailers claim that since their commodities were impounded with allotment at the official rate of exchange of CN\$12,000 to US\$1 in old days, they must be prepared for more expensive replacements.

These will be imported henceforth at the open market rate of CN\$39,600.

Observers pointed out that practically all imported goods here are sold at prices calculated at the black market rate.

The present revision of prices is unreasonable except in such cases like gasoline which is related at the official exchange rate prices.

They pointed out that any change in the exchange, regulation stimulates Shanghai's market and forces prices up on merchants "play safe" by changing price tags rather than miss a chance to rake in larger profits.

"Revival" in Washington, George E. Killian, new president of the American-Prussian Steamship Lines, said today: "The Orient is on the eve of a commercial revival and the President Lines intend to take part in it."

This optimistic forecast of things to come in the Far East was made as Killian took up his duties with the Democratic National Committee and prepared to take over direction of the shipping line.

"I am going to the Orient as soon as affairs permit to get in on the ground floor of the commercial revival that is coming out there," he said.

Killian painted in rosy hues the postwar opportunity he sees in the Pacific and "round the world" for the APL.

"We hope to have the contracts set by next month for five 9,000-ton vessels for the 'round the world' service. They will carry 100 passengers and much freight," Killian said.

"Tourists" Killian foresaw in the immediate future a heavy tourist trade to Japan.

"We already have booked enough passengers wishing to go to Japan to keep us busy for the next 18 months," he said.

"Let the Japanese restore their tourist resorts such as Nikko, Miyazono, Kyoto, and others and get their transportation facilities working and they will have an influx of visitors willing to spend money the Japanese need badly."

The new APL chief, who succeeded Henry Grady (new ambassador to the Union of India) also foresaw expanding business for his lines in China, the Philippines, India and on the "round the world" route of his liners.

"We will study the shipping needs of these countries and try to give them the service they need," he declared.—United Press and Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

Pressure gradients are slight over the Far East with shallow depressions over the Lower Yangtze Valley, N. Indo-China and the Celebes, while pressure is relatively high to the E. of Japan and over NW China.

Today's Forecast—Light E or variable winds, mainly fair and very warm.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 88.1 deg. Fah. Minimum: 76.7 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 6.4 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—1284.7 mm.—76.17 inches as against an average of 1568.2 mm.—62.44 inches.

Readings at: 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m. 1000 m. 1007.2 m.s. Equals: 29.91 29.76 inches. Rel. Humidity: 76 80 % Dew Point: 78 78 deg. F. Wind Direction: Calm E by S Wind Force: 0 9 knots.

Sikhs On Rampage In Jullundar

Jullundar (East Punjab), Aug. 21.
Ravaging bands of Sikhs invaded this industrial city of 75,000 population today in an outburst of violence and terrorism.

There is no law and no order here—nothing but burning buildings.

Tall heared Sikhs, in bands of half a dozen, pillaged the city, burning Moslem buildings and ferreting out remnants of the Moslem populace with huge ceremonial swords.

The native police, who are all Sikhs or Hindus, made no effort to curb the violence.

They stood by idly with the butts of their bayoneted guns resting on the ground while they watched the Sikhs on their rampage.

Moslems Flee Most of the city's Moslem fled the city two nights ago when the situation became serious.

The North-West Frontier Force corralled about 100 of those remaining behind.

They are being guarded in the centre of the town until they can be evacuated.

The North-West Frontier Force was handicapped by a shortage of manpower and complete lack of cooperation from the local police.

A British colonel said troops, composed of Moslems, Sikhs and Hindus, were maintaining perfect discipline and were concentrating their efforts to save the remainder of the Moslems in the city.

Still They Keep Together

Osaka, Aug. 21.
A patrol of the 24th Infantry Division has located a common grave of 80 prisoners of war near Funatsu.
According to the announcement, the remains are those of American, British, Australian and Dutch soldiers who were forced to work in the nearby mines and died from various causes during the war.
They were cremated and buried in a common grave.—United Press.

Chifley Warns Of Dollar Lack

Canberra, Aug. 21.
Premier J. B. Chifley, warning that Australia would have to impose "pretty severe" restrictions on imports, told a conference of State Premiers today that the dollar position had "deteriorated rapidly particularly in the last couple of days."

The Prime Minister added: "I hope some amelioration of the position will be reached in the consultations taking place at the moment (the Anglo-American financial talks in Washington)."

"But I'm not too sure that that can be done," he warned.

Mr. Chifley said it would be "sheer and complete delusion" if the Australian people thought they could escape the economic difficulties of Britain.

Import restrictions would apply "in some measure" to sterling in addition to the United States and Canadian dollars.

Meanwhile, the selling of bank shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange this afternoon was the heaviest in many years.

Most offerings were taken by the Australian Government at prices ruling before the recent announcement of the bank nationalisation plan.—Associated Press.

KOWLOON TO APPOINT MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC BOARD

At the regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, it was announced that the Association had been invited to nominate a member of the Traffic Advisory Board, which was at present being reconstituted.

Mr. J. N. Sweeney, the convenor of the Association's Traffic Sub-Committee, has been nominated in response to this invitation by the Officer Administering the Government.

Present at the meeting were: Mr. F. C. Clement (President); Mr. J. Moodie (Vice President); Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Hon. Secretary); Mr. T. Chung (Hon. Treasurer); Messrs. S. E. Faber, C. E. Terry, H. Braga, R. Pestonji, W. S. Loney, J. N. Sweeney, C. F. Wood, Yeung Tann Dart, A. M. Braun and the Rev. Fr. A. Granelli.

Housing

A letter from the Hon. Colonial Secretary was tabled stating that the views and recommendations contained in the Association's letter of the 7th July regarding housing problems were receiving the careful consideration of Government.

The Chairman reported that subsequent to despatch of previous letter, a further survey had been made in Kowloon, and details compiled of houses which, although rehabilitated, remained vacant.

This showed that there were quite a number of such vacant premises, most of which were being offered at exorbitant rentals, and payment of equally exorbitant "repair costs." In some cases the premises were being kept vacant while offered for sale at fabulous prices.

It was hoped that action in regard to such premises would be taken on the lines already recommended by the Association.

Mr. Terry reported on the

activities of the Home-Building Society Committee.

He stated that an early appointment had been arranged with the Hon. Director of Public Works, representing the Government.

He said 620 applications from prospective participants in the scheme had been received.

A comprehensive report from the Traffic and Street Lighting Sub-Committee was considered, and unanimously approved.

The recommendations made included improvements in the Traffic Control at the "Star" Ferry Circus, repairs to roads in bad condition, re-arrangement of bus stops, prohibition of traffic turning in Nathan Road other than at road intersections, and the introduction of compulsory Third Party Insurance.

Noises

Complaints of nuisances caused in residential areas by hawkers' cries, and various night noises, were discussed. It was agreed to request the Police Authorities to enforce the regulations prohibiting these nuisances.

A letter from Mr. J. E. Ternal suggesting that the Association should sponsor the transforming of the Mawan Beach Resort and Restaurant into a Club was read.

After discussion, it was agreed that the proposed sponsorship of a club did not fall within the scope of the Association's activities.

If Mr. Ternal desired, the Association would reopen with the authorities the question of transport to and from the resort.

World Events Debated

An interesting talk on "The International Situation" was given by Mr. Ip Kai-fong at yesterday's weekly meeting of the Y's Men's Club.

Mr. Ip paid tribute to the present British Government which had the courage to grant independence to India.

Mr. Ip said he was somewhat pessimistic as to the future of U.N.O.

He expressed the belief that it was doomed to the same fate as the League of Nations.

He based his view on the fact that America, instead of co-operating with other nations, had seen fit to go behind U.N.O. and to play a lone hand in regard to matters concerning Greece, Turkey and Indonesia.

The speaker also said that the average man did not desire war.

It was only the professional militarist and the manufacturer of munitions who would like to see the world hurled into another titanic struggle.

C.N.A.C. SURVEY FLIGHT TODAY

One of the C.N.A.C.'s Sky-masters, piloted by Captain H. T. China, will pass Hong Kong this morning on its way to Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, and Batavia on a survey flight which has been in preparation for some time.

The survey group on board is led by Col. C. Y. Liu, Managing Director of C.N.A.C., who is also representing the Chinese Ministry of Communications on this trip to discuss with the aeronautical authorities on the route regarding reciprocal landing rights.

As the flight is the first ever made to the South Seas countries, a short stay at each place enroute is planned so that the group have sufficient time to study problems relative to the forthcoming regular operation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At yesterday's session of Legislative Council, presided over by H.E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G., three new Bills passed their first reading.

The first Bill—"An Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance 1921"—was introduced by the Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin).

He said:—"The Bill before Council aims at a more effective collection of stamp duties payable on Stock Exchange transactions, thus securing an improvement in the total revenue derived from such source."

"Under the present law, which is embodied under Heading 40 of the Schedule to the Stamp Ordinance, ad valorem duty of 20 cents per \$1,000 is chargeable on instruments of transfer and a nominal duty is chargeable on brokers' bought and sold notes."

"In practice, however, it is found that the ad valorem duty yields only small revenue because of the custom existing in the Colony of executing blank transfers and using such blank transfers to pass title to a series of buyers and sellers, instead of executing a fresh instrument of transfer at each such stage."

"However, brokers' bought and sold notes are stamped when each sale takes place."

"It is therefore considered, and clause 3 of the Bill gives effect to such view, that improvement in revenue would result if the incidence of stamp duty were reversed, so that henceforth ad valorem duty would be chargeable on brokers' bought and sold notes and a nominal duty reserved for transfer deeds."

"Consequential on the proposal, contained in clause 3 of the Bill, it is proposed by clause 2 to amend sub-section of section 26 of the Stamp Ordinance so as to render the obligation upon any principal executing delivery of bought and sold notes, and not, as at present time, placing the obligation of stamping bought and sold notes upon brokers only."

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and carried unanimously.

Education

The second Bill was "The Ordinance to Amend the Education Ordinance 1913."

Murder By Hands Unknown

"Murder by some person or persons unknown" was the verdict returned by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of an inquiry into the death of a sanitary coolie.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes, for the Police, stated that Wong Cho, Sanitary Department coolie 1043, aged 32, was found in the early hours of May 25 lying in a scavenging lane off Tong Mei Road.

On receipt of a telephone call from PC Lee Hon, he proceeded to the scene and found deceased unconscious, suffering from head wounds.

A chopper was found by his side.

Doctor's Story

Dr. Onward Szeto, 312 Nathan Road, formerly of Kowloon Hospital, testified that deceased was admitted to hospital on May 25 suffering from a compound fracture of the skull.

There was a wide open wound down to the brain.

Supportive treatment, such as Penicillin, was given the man (continued Dr. Szeto) who recovered consciousness and appeared to make progress.

The patient, however, later developed a cough and, on examination, was found to be suffering from tuberculosis. He died at 10.35 a.m. on June 7.

The autopsy performed in the afternoon of the same day revealed extensive tuberculosis of both lungs, said Dr. Szeto, who added that the man appeared to be a physical wreck.

OBITUARY

The funeral of the late Mr. George Vincent Tarik Marshall, who died at The St. Teresa Hospital yesterday, will take place at Happy Valley at 5.30 p.m. today.

The late Mr. Marshall, who was 73 years of age, was manager of Messrs. S. J. David & Co. He had been in China for more than 50 years.

During the occupation, he was an internecine at Stanley and returned to the Colony a year ago, after a short holiday.

He is survived by his widow, a son and daughter, as well as a sister, niece and several grandchildren.

CHINESE MAIDENS TO HONOR THE SEVEN SISTERS TODAY

The Festival of the Seven Sisters, one of the most romantic of Chinese festivals will be observed today—the 7th day of the 7th Moon—by Chinese maidens who have, in accordance with tradition, been living on a vegetarian diet for the past seven days.

The festival centres round the romance of the Weaving Maid and her cow-herd husband from across the western side of the River of Heaven.

According to legend, the Weaving Maid and her husband were forbidden by the Ruler of Heaven to meet more than once a year, because the Weaving Maid was neglecting her loom after marriage.

The day set apart for their meeting each year is the 7th day of the 7th Moon.

The "Romance of the Milky Way" has always had a particular appeal to Chinese womenfolk.

The celebrations today are an outward expression of female sympathy for the two heavenly lovers, who will meet again after a year's separation.

In practically every Chinese home today, on a table set apart for the purpose, fruit, cakes, rice powder, green, orange, ribbon and thread will be laid out as offerings to the Seven Sisters.

There will also be the multi-coloured "Seven Sister Tray" without which no festival would be complete.

Personalia

In Manila last Sunday, in one of the biggest social events since the Liberation, the final of the Beauty Contest sponsored by Philippine Air Lines was decided.

Miss Evangelina de Castro, of Baguio Mountain Province, was crowned "Miss Philippines." This fortunate and lovely young lady will travel by air to California and will be given screen tests in Hollywood.

Hong Kong will have the pleasure of entertaining the runners-up—"Miss Luzon" (Miss Pacita Francisco), "Miss Visayas" (Miss Matilda Santiago), "Miss Mindanao" (Miss Gloria Maigao) who will visit the colony in the near future as guests of Philippine Air Lines, Incorporated.

This afternoon, Friday, at 5.30 p.m., a lecture on "Fatima and Lourdes" will be given by Rev. Fr. De Angelis at the Catholic Centre, King's Building, Father De Angelis has recently returned from a trip to Portugal and France and has many interesting stories to tell of his journey.

The following passengers arrived and departed in C.P.A. aircraft:

From Singapore:—Miss Lucy Yong, From Bangkok: Mr. Kee King Tee & Mrs. Gum Fong.

For Manila:—Mr. Lo Chao Foon, Miss Lucy Yong and Mr. E. Mice Siu.

The forthcoming wedding of Ralph Lee, of 1300 Le Marchant, V.P.O. U.S.A., of 1300 Le Marchant, Ave., El Monte, Calif. U.S.A., to Corn Yut Wah of 9 Wo On Lane, 2nd floor, Hong Kong, is announced.

This tray, which contains various objects in sets of seven, will be burnt at the termination of the day's celebrations. The price for these elaborate paper trays reached a new high record this year. Joss paper shops were finding ready purchasers of the large sized trays at \$200 each.

Inniskillings Piped Ashore

The 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, disembarked from H.M.T. Devonshire, was played ashore today by the Royal Marines Band and their own Pipe Band.

Battalion H.Q. and part of the Battalion is at Murray Barracks, vacated by the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs, whilst the remainder of the Battalion is accommodated at Whitfield Barracks.

This will not be the first time the 1st Battalion, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, has served in this particular locality of the Far East. From 1934 to 1936 the Battalion was stationed in Shanghai, paying a visit to Hong Kong to play football versus its brother Irish Regiment, The Royal Ulster Rifles in 1936. The Battalion then moved to Singapore, remaining there until 1938 when it moved on to India.

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers has, in Military band circles, gained a reputation for its pipe-playing and inhabitants of the Colony will no doubt anticipate with pleasure hearing the H.Q. Pipe-Band of the 1st Battalion.

The Battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. J. B. Filmer-Bennett, MC.

GUNMEN HOLD UP WOMAN

A Chinese woman, Ng Mei-kuen, was held up while proceeding on the stairway of No. 310 Sai Young Chai Street, at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday. She was robbed of a \$50 note and a gold finger ring valued at \$75, by two robbers, one of whom was armed with a revolver. The robbers, in their get-away, were pursued by a policeman on a bicycle.

The revolver was discarded in Prince Edward Road and recovered by the Police. No arrests were made.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on 20th August:
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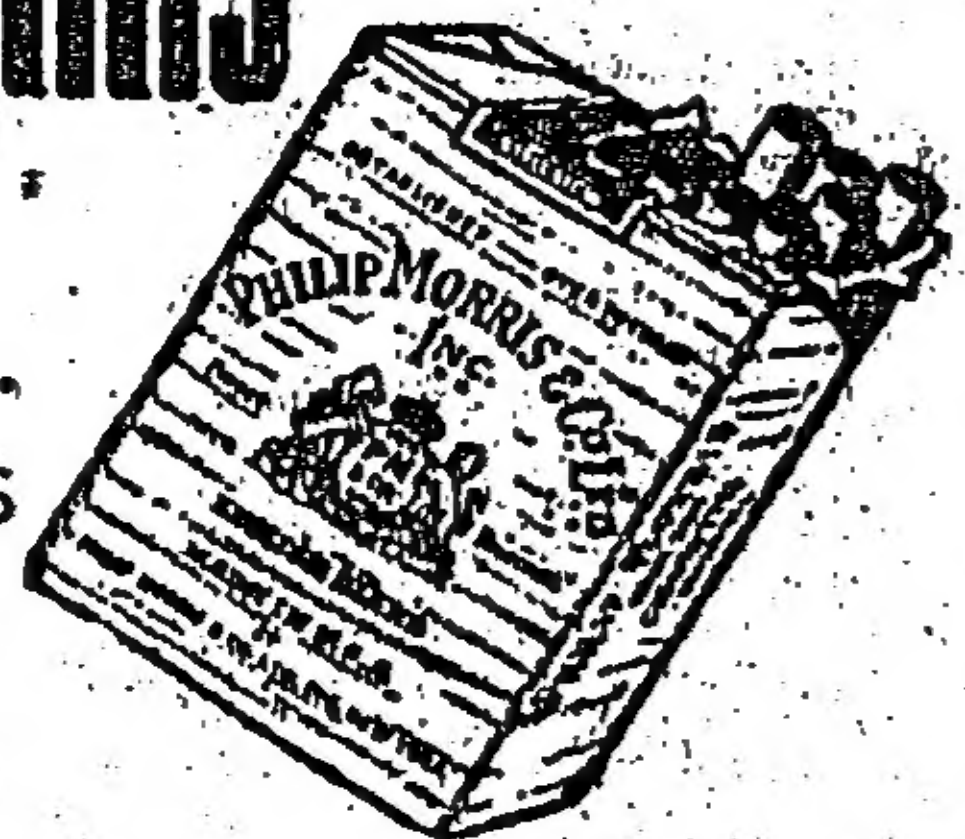
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Concerning An Issue Of Ownership

Sir,—A recent cable from Nanking contained a vivid but presumably fanciful account of elections for the coming Chinese National Assembly by "overseas Chinese." We were told that "the Chinese owner of a Mott Street Chopuey House in Chicago's 22nd St. Chinatown, and the operator of the Oriental Curio shop in San Francisco's Grant Avenue, will all share in China's first national election in October," which will decide the representation of the eight million overseas Chinese in the National Assembly and the Legislative Yuan. Heaviest voting was anticipated in the East Indies, South Sea Regions, and Indo-China.

Another report stated that voters would be registered, and the elections supervised by Chinese official representatives in the areas. In his recent visit to Hong Kong Dr. Sun Fo urged Chinese in the Colony to participate in the coming election, which, it was stated, would decide the four Chinese who are to represent Hong Kong in the National Assembly.

In the Chinese Republic's earliest Constitutions, representation of "overseas Chinese" was provided for, doubtless out of gratitude for the financial support they had rendered to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. As far as is known, however, organized elections of Chinese overseas have never been held in the past. Legislators representing them have either been selected by local Guilds or Chambers of Commerce, or nominated by the dominant Kuomintang clique.

The announced intention of holding formal elections on foreign soil in October, next raises the question of compatibility with the sovereignty of these territories. By no other country in the world are elections to its legislature organized in territories under the sovereignty of another Power. Even the Germans, when they attempted to organize such elections are believed to have taken the so-called electors outside the three-mile limit to cast their ballots!

It is more than doubtful whether the American Government will tolerate organized elections in the China-towns of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other large cities. For most of the Chinese residing in these localities claim American citizenship, and one of the simplest methods of losing that citizenship is "voting in a political election in a foreign State." It is not unreasonable to presume that this would apply equally to voting in such an election whether on foreign or American soil.

Some governments permit representation in their legislatures of their overseas possessions. This is the case with some of the French Colonies. The United States recognizes delegates to Congress from Alaska and Hawaii, and a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico who are permitted to speak and submit motions but not to vote.

In the exceptional conditions attending the 1944 elections in the United States and the 1945 election in Great Britain, troops serving overseas were permitted to vote, but this did not imply any derogation from the sovereignty of the overseas territories in which they voted, which were either enemy countries, or areas in which their Allies had conceded national jurisdiction over their respective armed forces.

There is no parallel between these emergency arrangements and the calm assumption by the Chinese of the right to organize election campaigns and hold elections in second-power territory. To concede such a pretension would create precedents which might prove extremely awkward, and constitute a serious threat to peace and order, in future years. We might for instance have to face the precarious situation in which an elected representative to the projected Municipal Council in Hong Kong was also a representative to the Chinese National Assembly. And a quite intolerable situation might well arise from a Chinese election campaign on Singapore Island, where some 75 per cent of the population is of Chinese descent and therefore, according to Chinese law, regarded as being of Chinese nationality.

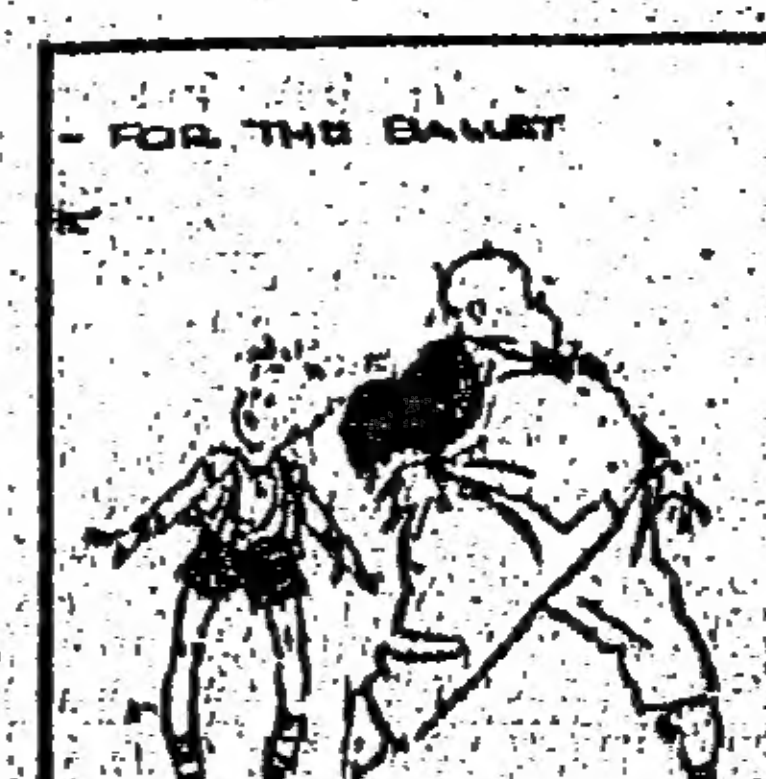
The issue is of sufficient importance to demand immediate consideration and action. If representation in the local administration is to be conceded to individuals of Chinese descent in British (or French or Dutch) Colonies or Possessions it should be on the distinct understanding that while resident in these areas their loyalty must be confined to the sovereign Power. The idea that Chinese Consular or other representatives can regulate voters, and organize an election should be dispelled without delay or the sovereignty Powers will, in effect, be recognizing a large degree of Chinese sovereignty within their territories, with results which can easily be foreseen in the not distant future.

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DROUGHT GRIPS EUROPE

No Sign Of Break In Scorching Sunshine

Forest Fires Cause Heavy Damage

London, Aug. 21. Drought—in some places the worst in 100 years—holds Europe in its grip, causing forest fires, drying up water and milk supplies and bringing threat of hunger and starvation of thousands.

Dr. Heinz Runge, Potsdam weather expert, said the heat wave has destroyed or is in the process of destroying Germany's potato and cabbage crops. He forecast starvation unless rain breaks the drought soon, but said the prospect of rain soon is poor.

Germany's rainfall is about 11 inches under normal. Fields are wasting away under the heat and German farmers are slaughtering their cattle because they lack fodder. Even if rains came within the next two or three weeks it may be too late to save the crops.

The situation is particularly severe in districts west of the Rhine mountains and in the Magdeburg area.

Forest fires have swept along the Dutch-German border since last Friday and exploding mines have prevented effective measures to fight the blazes.

More than 850 acres of woodland have been destroyed and fresh winds have swept the flames towards the Dutch frontier despite the efforts of fire brigades and British troops. Berlin radio said only rain could extinguish the fire.

Drought In Britain

The German story is repeated in varying degrees in most parts of Europe.

Britain, in weather bureau terminology, is officially experiencing a drought, having gone 15 days without rain. There is no sign of a break in the heat and farmers, although happy about their harvests, are apprehensive about the lack of pasture, which may cut deeply into milk supplies.

Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire are faced with a milk drought that may last until October.

The Food Ministry last night announced a cut in the milk ration from 2½ to two pints per person, but this was a normal seasonal reduction.

The unrelenting hot sunshine has quickly matured Britain's grain and the harvest is going forward rapidly. Some areas report a "light" wheat harvest but many farms are threshing out 6½ quarters to the acre and the moisture content is reported not more than 14 per cent, compared with the usual 18 per cent for English wheat.

Forest Fires

Britain, too, is plagued by forest fires, the largest of which covers 12,000 acres in Yorkshire. Another major fire burned out 1,100 acres on the Duke of Bedford's estate in Bedfordshire. Numerous small fires were reported, together with one instance of railway switchpoints fused by the heat.

Holiday resorts were jammed, with one of the few alarming indications occurring at Torquay where the authorities warned that cuts in the water supply might have to be made. In London, the Metropolitan Water Board said there was no need to worry about water shortage.

France was experiencing its worst crop weather since record-ings began in 1872. Although the normal wheat harvest averages 8,000,000 tons, France is expected to have only 3,000,000 tons.

SOUTHAMPTON ALARM

Southampton, Aug. 20. All ships in and around Southampton Docks were warned today that a 1,000-lb unexploded bomb was lying within 500 yards of the docks. A bomb disposal squad worked feverishly to make it harmless.

The bomb was discovered yesterday when a dredger brought it up. The vessel was broken off and the bomb badly damaged. Bomb disposal officers said it was in a "precautionary condition."—United Press.

French Bid For Peace In Indo-China

Paris, Aug. 21. A French Cabinet meeting, presided over by the Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, will be held today to consider proposed peace terms to the Vietnamese.

M. Ramadier today conferred with M. Emile Bollaert, French Commissioner in Indo-China.

Report from Saigon state that the Indo-Chinese National Front—the party opposed to the present Viet Nam Republic government headed by Ho Chi Minh, today started recruiting public opinion for the return of Bao Dai, the former Emperor of Annam, now living in exile in Hong Kong.

Placards and handbills were distributed in Saigon, while the Provisional Committee of the Front appealed by cable to Bao Dai "to save the present situation and realize the unity and independence of Viet Nam in the French Union."

A Vietnam radio broadcast quoted Dr. Ho Chi Minh, the Republican Premier, as claiming "Bao Dai was with us always and is our closest friend, and the whole nation of Viet Nam has full confidence in his fidelity."

It is also learned from Saigon that the police combed the city this morning, removing Viet Nam flags pasted on walls and lamp-posts to commemorate the "August Revolution of 1945 by Ho Chi Minh."

The Socialist Ministers in the French Cabinet are committed to a more liberal policy in negotiations with the Viet Nam, while moderate and right wing Ministers oppose this, fearing that such a policy will feed the fires of national disension in other French colonies.—Reuter.

Dance Hall Controversy

Shanghai, Aug. 21. The bitter controversy over the prospective closure of Shanghai's dancehalls as part of the government's new austerity programme was stimulated further by Pang Chih, head of the Shanghai Kuomintang, who told reporters that dancing should be banned not only in public places but in private homes.

"While our soldiers are dying on the battlefields, I think no patriotic man or woman here would like to embrace each other under soft lights," Pang Chih took the view that taxi-dancers who are going to lose their jobs when the ban against dancehalls is implemented, should acquire "useful talents" in reconstructing the country and wiping out the land is—but did not elaborate upon this remark.—Associated Press.

Portland, Maine, Aug. 21. British ex-Servicemen of Portland, Dorsetshire, have proposed in a letter to city manager Lyman S. Moore of Portland, Maine, an exchange of veterans flags between the two cities.

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Dr. Lie disagreed with the Soviet view that the United Nations Balkan investigation group was now "non-existent" and declared that the group would continue to function till the Security Council formally abolished it.

Dr. Lie agreed, however, that if the United States wished to bring the Balkan question before the General Assembly, it must first take the matter off the Security Council agenda, in which case the Balkan subsidiary group would automatically go out of existence.—Reuter.

Margaret Rose's Birthday

Balmoral, Aug. 21. Princess Margaret Rose "comes out" on Thursday on her 17th birthday, but no State Ball or other high society function will mark the occasion.

Instead, the debut of the younger daughter of King George and Queen Elizabeth will take place at a quiet family party in Balmoral Castle, where the Royal family is vacationing.

"Coming out" means, for Princess Margaret, that she will go to more parties and full-scale public engagements unaccompanied by other members of the Royal family—a state of affairs that she will, reportedly, welcome.—Associated Press.

FRENCH ACTION

Paris, Aug. 20. The Government decreed last night that French farmers must declare their total harvests or face heavy penalties.

The order requires each farmer to declare the exact size his harvest, how much he intends to deliver to Government-controlled granaries and when he expects the crop to be available.—United Press.

GROMYKO TRIES TO EMBARRASS

Lake Success, Aug. 20. Opening the general debates on the Egyptian case in the United Nations Security Council today, the Brazilian delegate, Senor Carlos Muniz, declared that Brazil considered the situation in Egypt did not present an immediate danger to international peace, and therefore the Council "was not justified in taking action."

Senor Muniz said the Security Council "should let both parties settle their differences in conformity with the principles of justice and international law."

"The Egyptian Government," Senor Muniz declared "did not take upon itself the unilateral decision of not complying with the treaty which, in its opinion, has outlived its purpose. On the contrary, it has sought to settle differences by direct negotiation should continue."

"If the Security Council were to accede to the request of the Egyptian Government, disregarding the provisions of a treaty still in force, it might establish a dangerous precedent likely to subvert the principle of respect for treaty obligations on which international society is based."

"The only justification for such an action by the Council would be the presence of immediate danger which has not been demonstrated."

Rule Of Law

"The Egyptian people have shown their capacity for progress and are entitled to the enjoyment of full sovereignty. But peoples seeking liberty and independence must be the first to accept the rule of law, for law is the principle condition for the preservation of freedom."

"Britain has demonstrated its goodwill by agreeing to negotiations for revision before the date set by the treaty."

"The Brazilian delegation, without passing upon the merits of the case or upon the duties and obligations of the parties in consequence of the 1936 treaty, is of the opinion that the Security Council is not justified in taking action in the matter."

Members of rival Sudanese political parties, the Umma and Ashigga, were present in the distinguished visitors' gallery.

Soviet Line

The Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, declared: "The Soviet delegation absolutely cannot agree with the British contention that the question is not within the jurisdiction of the Security Council."

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashy Pasha, was absolutely right when he declared that the presence of foreign troops in Egyptian territory was incompatible with sovereignty.

The Soviet delegation completely supported Egypt's demand for the evacuation of British troops.

The Sudan question was not clear and it was difficult for the Council to arrive at a decision until the wishes of the Sudanese people were known.

M. Gromyko added that the provisions of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty were a contradiction of the Charter. "The fact that the agreement was concluded before the United Nations was created perhaps can explain the presence of such a contradiction, but this cannot in any way be used as a justification, especially in that part of this agreement which envisages the presence of foreign troops in Egypt."

Must Be Corrected

"Moreover, it only emphasises more clearly that the situation must be corrected and must be brought into conformity with the main principles of the United Nations."

India Staging New Attack

Lake Success, Aug. 21. South Africa's rejection of a United Nations recommendation for correction of the alleged discrimination against nationals of Indian descent will result in another hot fight, in the General Assembly next month, India dominion sources indicated Wednesday.

India is expected to take the lead also in an attack on South Africa for rejecting another Assembly resolution recommending United Nations trusteeship for the Southwest Africa mandate administered by the Union under a league of nations agreement.

The Indians said their delegation for the assembly was shaping up with the virtual certainty that it again will be headed by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the new Ambassador to Moscow.—Associated Press.

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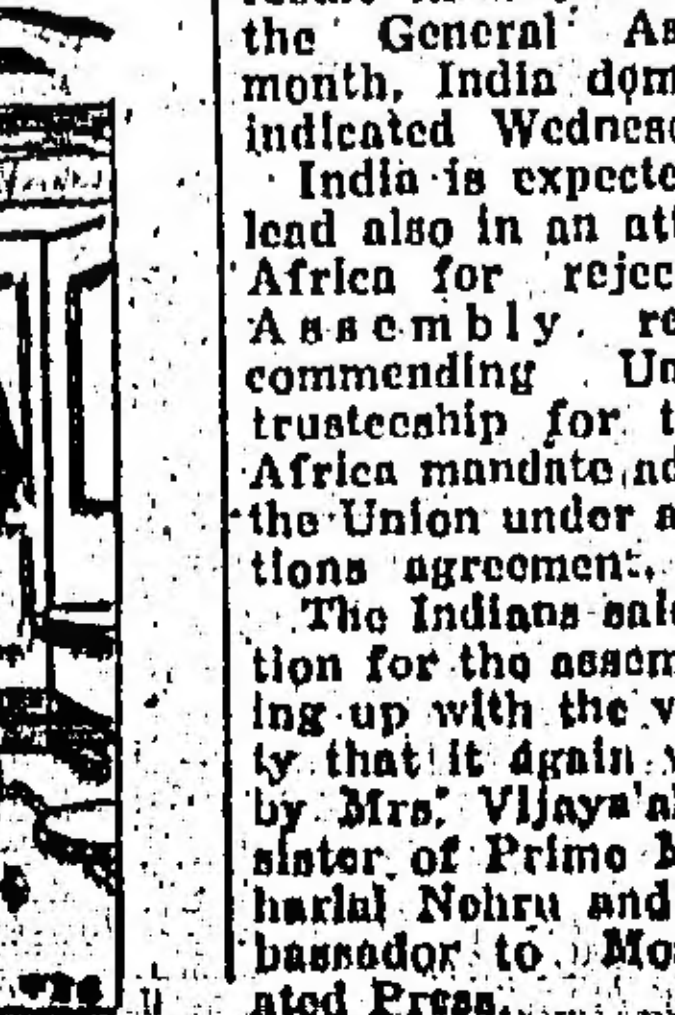
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The results of the entrance examination will be announced on Wednesday, 10th September, and the actual enrolment of successful candidates will take place on Thursday, 11th September.

Detailed arrangements will be announced from time to time on the notice boards outside the schools.

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KOREA INCIDENT

Washington, Aug. 20. A War Department official today said that Lt. Gen. John Hodge, in notifying the Department that three American soldiers were being held by the Russians in Korea, did not request Department action. It was unlikely that any action would be taken unless asked by Gen. Hodge.

The official said the Department understood the soldiers seized at the "zone border" were carrying cameras.—United Press.

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ATTLEE RESIGNATION?

Flurry Of Speculation Aroused By Rumours

Officer Charged In Dope Case

Jerusalem, Aug. 20.

When the trial of a British officer and a Christian Arab accused of conspiring to smuggle 180,000 dollars worth of drugs into Egypt, was resumed here today, a driver for the Combined Services Entertainment Unit "Jukebox," spoke of seeing slabs of "a white substance" and some "sticky brown stuff smelling of poppies" scattered over the road when his vehicle overturned.

These substances were morphine and hashish, the prosecution said.

The accused were Lieutenant Scrimgeour, a member of the Entertainment Unit, and Georges Jarjour, an Arab from Haifa.

The drugs were alleged to have been concealed among the stage show "props" on an army vehicle, which was involved in an accident near the Palestine-Egypt frontier.

The prosecutor said today that six tin boxes were loaded on the vehicle while the driver was sipping coffee in a roadside tavern.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

CHARGE OF HARMING FELLOW P.O.W.

San Diego, Aug. 19.

Lieutenant (jg) Richard F. Gascoigne of Oceanside, California, will be tried at a naval court martial here on September 2 on charges of mistreating fellow prisoners of war.

Gascoigne was arrested at the Santa Margarita naval station near Oceanside on May 15. He was accused of "favouritism in dividing up food stores and of beating fellow prisoners."

He was captured by the Japanese in April 1942 and became storekeeper at Omuta prison camp in Kyushu. He is an 11-year veteran of the Navy.—United Press.

RETIRED ON THE MORTGAGE

Chingford, Aug. 20.

Joseph Tatton, retired two weeks ago and his firm gave him a handsome cheque with which he paid off the mortgage on his house.

On Monday he decided the house needed painting and he started to burn the old paint off the eaves.

The flame set fire to some piling. He lost the roof of his house, most of his furniture, £100 in hidden banknote savings and he's afraid he even lost his claim for insurance through lapsing of the policy when the mortgage was paid off.—Associated Press.

WOLKSWAGEN RUNS AGAIN

Hamburg, Aug. 19.

The German Volkswagen, the 10-horsepower rear-engine "People's Car," developed during Hitler's regime, is to be exported to Belgium, Holland and Scandinavia as part of the export drive launched by the British and United States Military Government.

Now being made at a factory near Brunswick, the car will sell abroad at the equivalent of about £180, and dealers will be established in various foreign countries, it was stated.—Reuter.

—Associated Press.

No Hint From Official Quarters

London, Aug. 20.

London political circles went into a flurry of speculation today, following a sudden renewal of rumours endemic for months past that Mr. Attlee had decided to resign and nominate as his successor, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Coming at the most delicate stage in Britain's economic crisis when the Labour Government is rendering to the United States an account of its stewardship of \$1,500,000,000 of borrowed dollars the story of the forthcoming Cabinet reshuffle may accelerate the tendencies already in motion within the Labour Party.

Although Mr. Attlee's personal position was not directly challenged in the recent secret meeting of the Parliamentary Group, the narrow division with only four votes in favour of the Cabinet implied a large measure of discontent with the leadership.

Officials at the Cabinet headquarters in Downing Street today declined to comment on the "Daily Mail" report, taking the view that the report did not call for official notice.

Most people today accepted as a strong probability that some kind of Cabinet reshuffle is on the way, recalling earlier indications that Mr. Attlee's team was over due for revision. It is also widely accepted that Mr. Attlee may be considering his personal position in the light of the lukewarm reception accorded his recent speeches on the crisis.

Mr. Attlee's role is to help the Labour Party together while it fulfils its electoral programme. He loses value when the Party shows signs of splitting into discordant elements. While these arguments are present in the minds of the rank and file of the Labour Party, they are even more strongly apparent to the candidate, labelled of the Prime Minister himself. So today's rumours while uncheckable at this stage cannot be rushed off as if no account.

The Choice

The choice open to the Party if Mr. Attlee decides to go makes the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, an easy favourite. His rigorous handling of the nation's most unpopular job as Director of Munitions during the war has scarcely dimmed his personal popularity. When the Cabinet held its emergency meeting on Sunday, it was Mr. Bevin who received by far the biggest volume of cheering from the crowd in Downing Street.

To those who assert Mr. Bevin's alleged unacceptability to the Left-Wing of the Labour Party, the reply is that he has always triumphed over his critics in open and secret debate.

Other possible candidates are the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, and the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, a remote possibility because of his supposed leadership of the radical faction in the Party, who would only become a serious prospect if the balance shifted strongly to the Left.—Reuter.

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Extermination In The Punjab

Major General T. W. Rees, commanding the joint military border force, said on Wednesday that he believed underground leaders are waging a systematic programme of extermination in riot-torn Punjab.

Fighting has stopped in Lahore, and in neighbouring Amritsar, across the border of the divided province. But in Lahore the Moslems have slain or driven away the vast majority of the Hindu and Sikh population which once represented about half the population of this city of 500,000.

And in Amritsar, the Sikhs and Hindus have killed or driven out practically the entire 250,000 Mohammedan population of that Punjab city, the ninth largest in all India.

No pestilence has resulted from the communal riots and fighting. Street after street of buildings are ruined, as if by air attack. Whole broad sections have been turned into ugly heaps of brick and other debris from which smoke still rises.

Heavy concentrations of joint India-Pakistan military border forces are in Amritsar, which looks as though war had been waged through its streets.—Associated Press.

Around The World

August 21.

BERLIN.—The British-licensed newspaper, "Die Welt," said today that it had polled 10,000 Germans and 74 per cent of them said they believed there would be a new war, and 78 per cent of those who believed it thought it would be in the near future.

BERLIN.—Fifteen thousand tons of crude oil per month will be imported into Western Germany from Venezuela, effective immediately, the American Military Government reported today. The first shipment will arrive in Hamburg by ship tomorrow. The cost is estimated at US\$500,000 monthly.

PARIS.—Officers and cadets of the training ship Argentina today laid a wreath at the foot of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier here.

LONDON.—Norman Hartnell, who designed Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown, announced today that he had been awarded the Neiman-Marcus Award for distinguished service in the field of fashion.

ROME.—The Ministry of the Merchant Marine announced today that the two Italian liners, Conte Biancamano and Conte Grande, would be placed on the South American service as soon as they had been rehabilitated. The two ships were recently returned to Italy by the United States.

LONDON.—The Ministry of Food announced today that arrangements had been made with the Guatemala American Company for the supply of meat and fertilizer from Guatemala to Britain. The announcement said the agreement was for 12 months but was renewable.—United Press.

Mr. Morrison Paints Brighter Picture

London, Aug. 20.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, who is acting as Prime Minister during Mr. Clement Attlee's holiday, told a press conference today that Britain's July exports reached the highest value ever recorded.

Unemployment was at its lowest in peacetime since reliable statistics began, employment was at its highest and the building of British coal stocks was several weeks ahead of the target.

Under British chairmanship, the Paris conference had reached a substantial agreement on joint proposals for European revival going further than anything achieved in the 20 inter-war years.

"We are doing plenty and we are going to do plenty more," Mr. Morrison declared.

Coal production in the Ruhr under British management had reached its highest level since the war—nearly 240,000 tons daily.

He gave these provisional figures for British trade and industry: July exports, £110,300,000 as compared with £93,100,000 for June. July imports were £179,200,000 as against £169,600,000 for June.

The total employed in industry was 19,300,000 in June as compared with 17,820,000 for the

corresponding month of 1939.

"It begins to look as if we have stopped the rot in coal," he declared.

Questioned about whether the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, would resign, Mr. Morrison said: "I only saw it in one newspaper and as far as I am concerned, the story does not know what it is talking about.—Reuter.

"Terrible Plague" Seemed To Have Swept Cadiz

(By Antonio Garrachon)

Cadiz, Aug. 20.

This city looked like it had been visited by a terrible plague. In a few agonizing instants a happy industrious city was converted into shambles of terror.

I was thrown from my chair across the room, landing under the window sill. I looked out and saw the sky lighted a ghastly crimson as a thunder-crashing explosion echoed through the bay.

I dashed outside, having just finished dinner. There were two more blasts which rolled like a barrage of heavy artillery. The building shuddered and the streets trembled.

It had been hot and still. Suddenly the streets were filled with wildly running people, some of the women screaming hysterically. A neighbour rushed by with his wife and four children and shouted: "I am going to the docks to be near water in case everything catches fire."

We were in the main part of the city at the tip of the peninsula and figured the explosion probably was at the naval docks. The crash was so violent that I was too stunned to realise what it was.

The word flew around that it was the torpedo works, that the Echavarrieta shipyards were wrecked, that the whole peninsula was on fire.

A frightened middle-aged woman asked me: "Are we being attacked? Is it the Reds."

Thick With Dust

I got lost in the multitude of people and moved toward the San Severiano quarters. The authorities advised the people to go to public squares waiting there to see if there might be other explosions. Some were just wandering aimlessly.

I could see flames leaping as I neared the poor part of the peninsula where little people live. Smoke got into my eyes and the air was thick with dust from collapsed buildings. I coughed constantly as I stumbled forward.

Around me buildings seemed to be wrecked. It reminded me of pictures I have seen of Berlin. The confusion was indescribable. I passed a crying girl tugging at a leg protruding from the rubble. She pleaded to passers-by: "Please help me get my papa out of here."

For hours I covered the joint districts of San Severiano and San Jose. I do not think a single dwelling was left intact. I was overcome by the stench of burning flesh from one building where some apparently were trapped.

Bleary-eyed, I returned and collapsed into bed.

The next morning there were numerous conflicting reports. Even now it is impossible to assess the disaster. Besides the dead and wounded, there were hundreds of homeless and thousands jobless. Priests visited hospitals ministering to victims. I saw a priest administering

the last rites to a man dying in a doorway.

It will take years to rebuild Cadiz. The living will never forget the tragedy of August 18. Cadiz is a city in black.—United Press.

1,000 Dead?

Madrid, Aug. 20.

The news agency Cifra, quoting an authorized semi-official source, said today that over 400 bodies have been recovered in the Cadiz explosion.

It is now estimated that the death toll will rise to a thousand, on the basis of the number of bodies recovered.

The Agency's source calculated that between 5,000 and 6,000 persons were injured.—United Press.

CHINESE AIR AGREEMENT

Batavia, Aug. 20.

Following an air agreement concluded between the Chinese Government and the Netherlands Indies Government, the first Chinese plane to land in Java is expected to leave for Batavia on August 26, according to a report in the Chinese daily "Sin Po" today.

The newspaper further reported that Chinese Consul-General Tsang Tung in Batavia will be travelling to Jogjakarta in the plane in order to discuss with the Republican authorities the question of protection for Chinese nationals.—United Press.

AN UNEXPECTED PASSENGER

Hoboken, Aug. 21.

The Holland American motor-liner Noordman arrived at Hoboken, New Jersey, from Rotterdam as an unexpected passenger—a young British seaman who had been transferred from a freighter in mid-ocean for medical treatment.

He was 22-year-old David G. Williams of Norfolk, North Wales, fourth engineer on board the Cunard Line freighter Fort Musquar, who was burned by scalding water in an engine room accident.

The freighter, enroute from New York to London without a doctor, sent a radio message for medical aid. The Noordman, first on the scene, transferred the young seaman on the high seas on August 11.—Associated Press.

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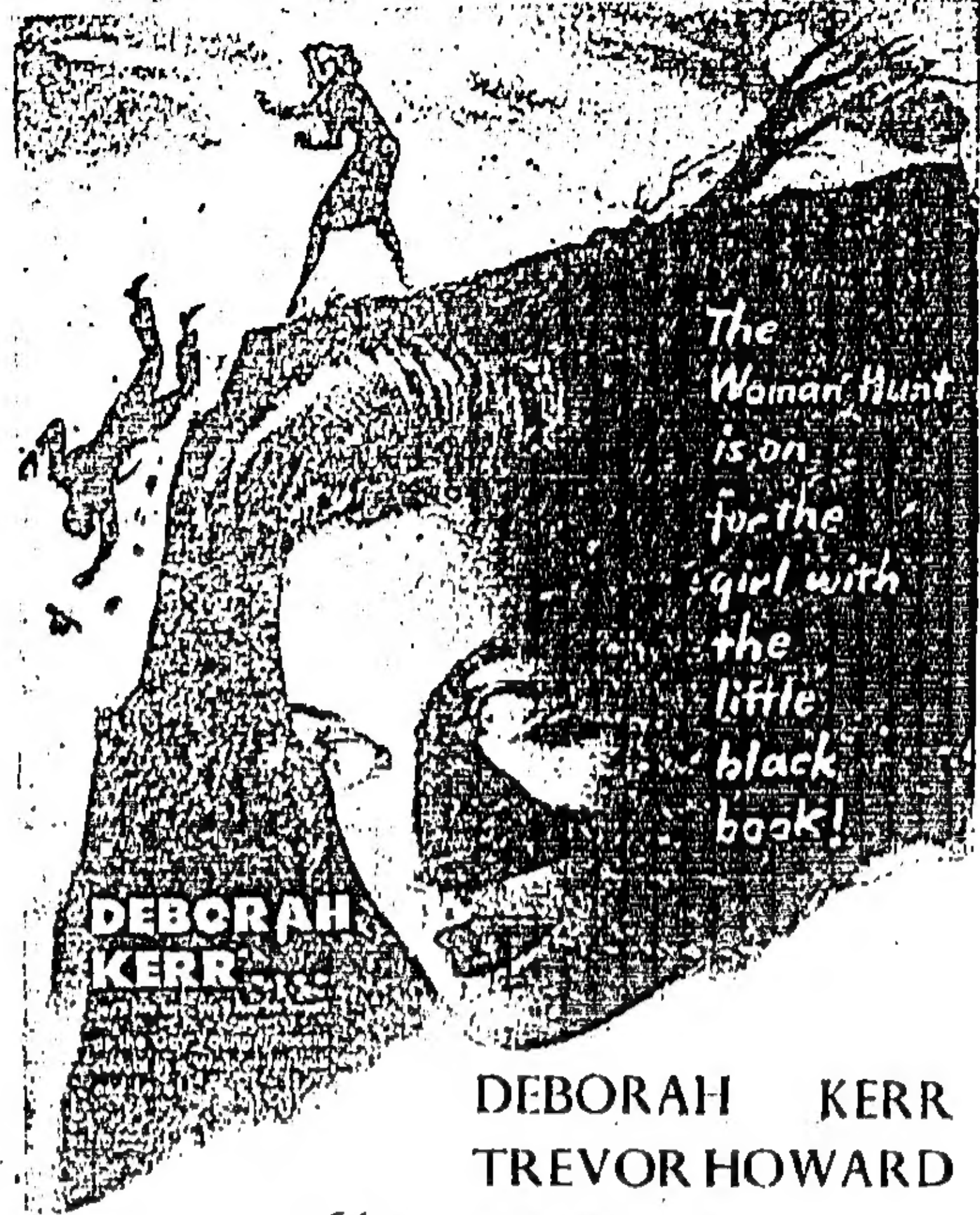
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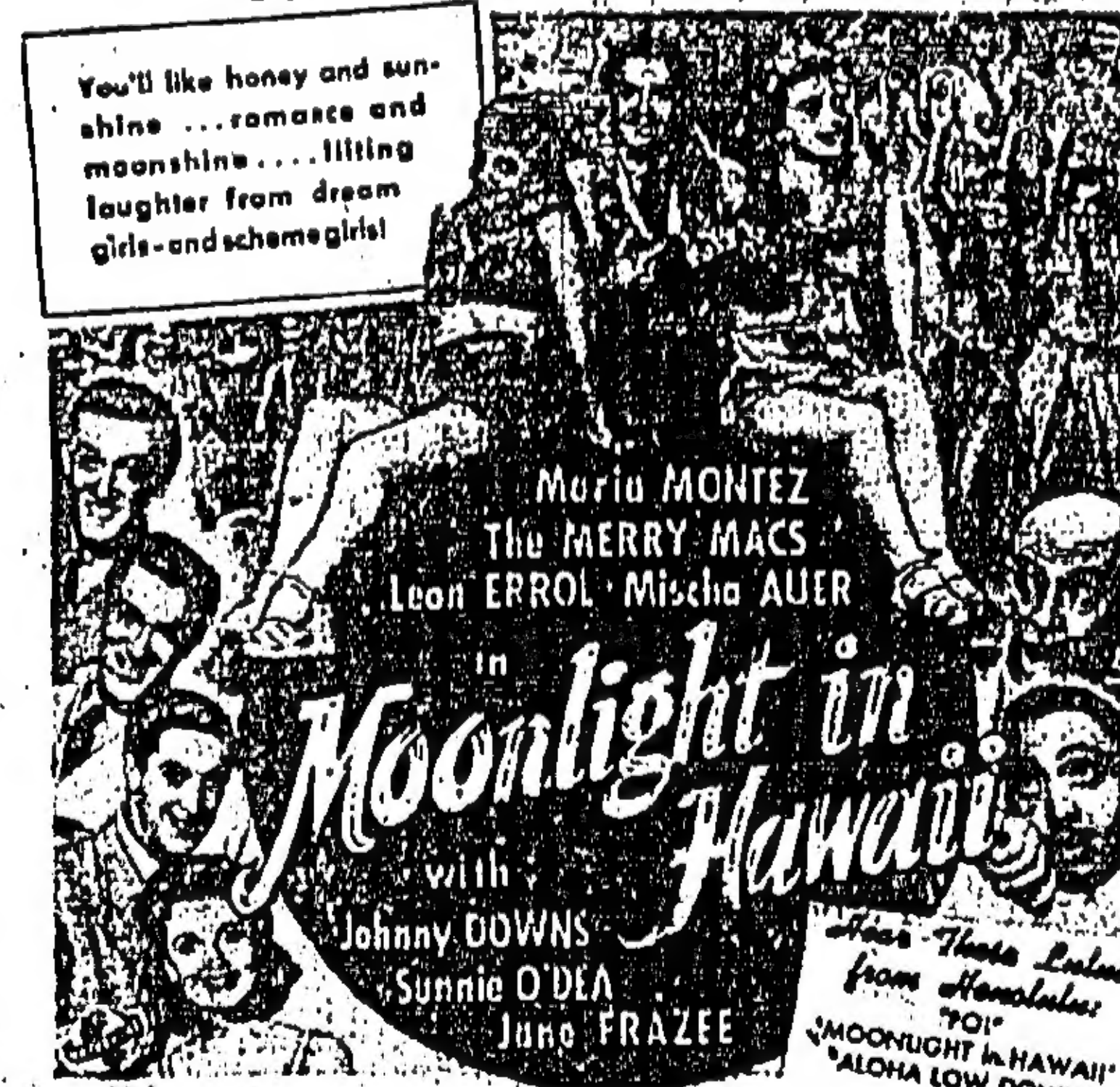
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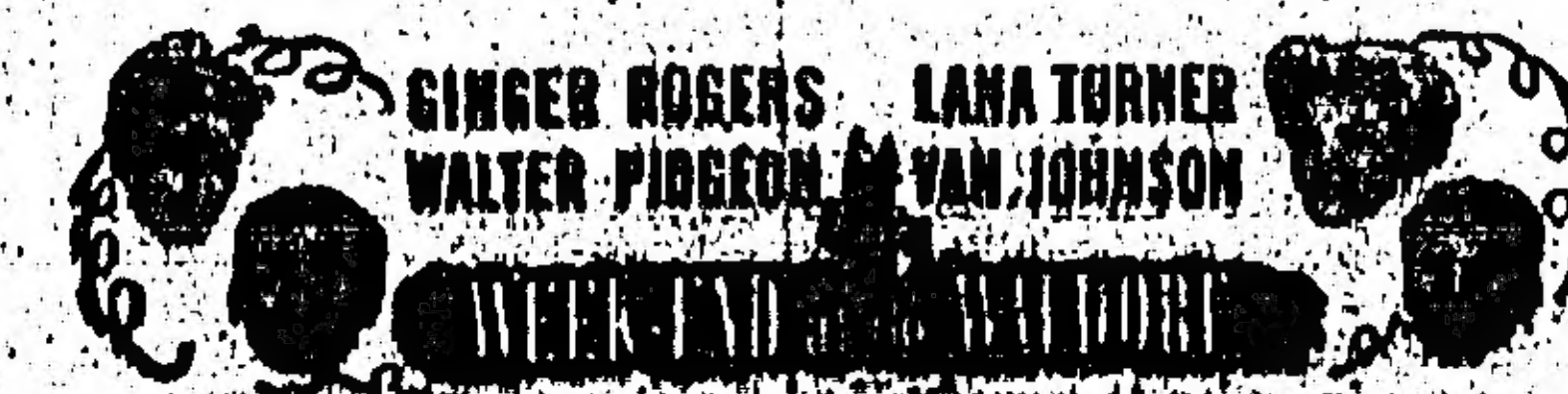
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Counsel Makes Strong Protest In "Menace" Case

"I do not think it fair to amend the charge at this stage when the prosecution has already closed its case. How could it be fair to the defendant if the charge is so amended as to make it the very opposite of the original charge?"

This protest was made by Mr. Lam after Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr had declared that the charge of demanding \$120 with menace from Wong Mel-lai brought against Police Constable Cheng Kong had failed, but that he intended to amend the charge to one of obtaining money by false pretences.

At the close of the case for the prosecution yesterday, Mr. Lam submitted that he had no case to answer as the prosecution had entirely failed to prove menace.

His Worship: "Yes, Mr. Lam, but what about false pretences?"

Mr. Lam: "But he is not charged with that offence."

His Worship: "Yes, but I am going to charge him with false pretences right now. There is definite evidence of false pretences. Under the Magistrates' Ordinance (section 21 of 41 of 1932) I am empowered to do so."

Protest

After protesting against the unfairness of the step, Mr. Lam stated that if he had known that that action would be taken he would have cross-examined the witnesses.

When His Worship decided that the charge of false pretences would be preferred against accused, Mr. Lam applied for an adjournment to consult Counsel on whether the Magistrate should exercise his power at that very late stage of the proceedings.

Defence counsel also applied for bail, in a very nominal sum, for his client who, he pointed out, had been in gaol custody for over a month.

Declaring that the menace charge had completely failed but that a prima facie case of false pretences had been made out, His Worship proceeded to

\$20 from Wong Mel-lai by falsely pretending that he was collecting for Yu Shun-hing, mother of the 7-year-old girl who was injured by Wong Mel-lai on July 14.

After a short adjournment, His Worship granted bail at \$2,000 cash and \$2,000 surety. Hearing of the new charge will be at 10 a.m. on Aug. 27.

Cheng Kong, a constable attached to the Kowloon City Police Station, was originally charged with demanding with menace the sum of \$120 from Wong Mel-lai, married woman, at 722 Nathan Road, second floor, on July 15.

It was alleged by the prosecution, and the accused called at the premises several times that day and said that the mother of the 7-year-old girl whom complainant injured in the course of a fight with Chau Pk-shan, had asked for additional compensation.

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RADIO SETS STOLEN FROM KAI TAK DROME

Smart work on the part of the police resulted in the recovery of various aircraft equipment, including a wireless transmitting set and three receiving sets, within 48 hours of their reported loss from various airplanes at Kai Tak Airfield.

As the result of a surprise raid at the Tai Chung Radio Shop, 569 Nathan Road, at 9.30 a.m. on Aug. 19, Detective Sub-Inspector J. M. Forrest and Detectives Yau Kau and Li Hong-ling took into custody Li Hung-kwan, radio mechanic, Kwong Pui and Ting Kit, travelling traders, and a 30-year-old unemployed Li Tim, of 2 Lion Rock Road, second floor.

A 17-year-old youth, Li Wing, was arrested at 5.30 a.m. the following day at 2 Lion Rock Road, by the same party.

Appearing before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday, four were charged with the larceny of transmitting and receiving sets, while Li Hung-kwan represented by Mr. A.S.C. Comber, was charged with receiving stolen property.

Mr. Forrest's application for a remand of 48 hours "for further inquiries and further charges," was granted.

Services Rifle Association

Practice Shoots will be held on Saturday 23rd August and Sunday, 24th August. Launch times, Saturday, 23rd August, Queen's Pier Dep. 1430 for East Pier Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier, Sunday 24th August, Queen's Pier Dep. 0915 for East Pier Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier, Sunday 24th August, Queen's Pier Dep. 0915 for East Pier Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier, Sunday 24th August, Queen's Pier Dep. 0915 for East Pier Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier, Sunday 24th August, Queen's Pier Dep. 0915 for East Pier Stonecutters.

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Identification Cards: Identification Cards are now ready for members of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies. Members are requested to apply personally for same from Mr. T.V. Chong (Secretary) at the Headquarters. They are also requested to return their Temporary Identification Cards in exchange for this new card. This card will be issued at from Monday, 25th instant. Revolver Ranges: All members of the H.K.P. (R) Force who have failed in their Revolver Shooting Course, and those who have not yet fired their course will parade at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range, on Saturday, Aug. 23, 1947, at 1430 hours sharp (weather permitting) to fire and pass their course in Revolver. Firing. C.I. (R) Chao Ching, who will be in charge. Strict range discipline must be maintained. No private revolvers will be allowed at the Firing Range. Appointment C.I. (R) T'ao Chi On will be appointed temporarily as Officer-in-charge of No. 3 Company in concurrence with his post as C.I. (R) Headquarters as from Aug. 6, 1947.

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H.K.T. Daily Programme Summary:

12.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "It's a Pleasure"

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Punkas.

1.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio Children's Half-Hour.

6.30 p.m.—Mandarin and His Orchestra.

6.50 p.m.—Studio "See You" on Scott.

7.00 p.m.—Studio "You Ask For It" Variety Request Programme. Presented by Monica Jackson.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay: World News.

8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—Studio "Music Hall".

8.45 p.m.—Orchestra: Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16, Wilhelm Furtwängler and the New Symphony Orchestra.

9.10 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Music of the Year" Edition 2.

"The Frog Gets Dressed" by Edgar Wallace.

9.50 p.m.—London Relay: News.

10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.15 p.m.—Stereo from "Die Walküre" (Wagner).

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

What Happened In The Courts

Solicited Passengers

Passenger traffic on lorries running between Kowloon and the New Territories has become so poor that conductors resort to shouting out their destination in order to attract passengers.

This was revealed by Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth when he prosecuted Ng Sung, 18, lorry fook, and Lau Wan, 24, with soliciting for passengers. The driver, Lau Yuk-tong, 25, was charged with aiding and abetting.

Mr. J. Scrim of the Kowloon Traffic Office, said S/I Howarth was walking along Nathan Road, near Fire Street, at 3.55 p.m. on Wednesday when he heard the first two accused shouting "Tal Po" from the rear of lorry 6123.

In asking for a serious view to be taken, S/I Howarth pointed out that the vehicle was moving very slowly during the whole time and might have caused an accident.

Defendants were fined \$20.

CARNAL KNOWLEDGE

Pung Kee, 19, of 459 Hennessy Road, 3rd floor, was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday with Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday with unlawfully attempting to have carnal knowledge of Chan Chiu Mui, a nine year old girl, on Wednesday. He was sentenced to one year with hard labour.

NAAFI Watchman On Fraud Charge

Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr yesterday fixed 2.30 p.m. on Aug. 28 for hearing of four charges of obtaining money by false pretences and one of conspiracy preferred against Yu For, NAAFI watchman, by Detective Sub-Inspector MacDonald.

Yu, who will be defended by Messrs. Lo & Lo, is accused of obtaining, under promise of being able to obtain for them positions as watchmen, \$160 from Chu Man and Chan Lai, \$80 from Chan Wai, \$160 from Chu Song and San Yung, and \$130 from Lal Hon and Chan Chi.

The other charge alleged that Yu conspired with another man, not in custody, to defraud the seven complainants of the sums named.

SENTENCE DEFERRED

Charged before Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday were Yu Po, 42, for larceny, and Pang Kau and Leung Kau, both for receiving. Sentence was deferred.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by D.I. Fong Yu Cheong, that first defendant stole a number of motor car lamp shades and hub caps.

Second and third defendants were alleged to have bought them knowing same to have been unlawfully obtained.

EXTRADITION

Extradition proceedings were concluded before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday when Nah Shui Hong, formerly a cashier of Carr Ramsey & Co. Ltd., at present under detention by the Bangkok Authorities, was charged with embezzlement on April 14 of the sum of \$15,000, the property of his employers.

Formal evidence was given by the manager of Carr Ramsey & Co., the present cashier, brokers and others who had dealings with the defendant.



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DEATH

MARSHALL—on 21st August, peacefully after lengthy illness, at St. Theresa Hospital Hong Kong, G. V. Tarik, aged 73, beloved husband of Ida and father of Blanche Gordon and Francis. Funeral cortege will pass the Monument today at 5.30 p.m.

NEW HOUSING OFFER

Government's invitation to private enterprise to embark upon building schemes contributing to a solution of the housing problem is also somewhat in the nature of a challenge. To find fault with the nature of the offer made in the statement laid yesterday on the table in Legislative Council, is not easy, except that six weeks gives little time to sponsors of building projects to draw up complete technical and financial plans. The demand for haste is not, however, in itself a matter for criticism. After all, the whole weight of the attack on Government for its failure to realise any substantial housing progress has rested on what has appeared to be its willingness to leave time to provide a solution. Moreover, merit must be seen in proposals which offer an advantage of bonafide housing planners, who have already spent time and energy of preparing large-scale schemes, and are almost ready to submit them, and are not tempted to enter the field at this stage merely because of the generosity of the Government offer. That it is a highly favourable offer will be readily accepted. In essence, it involves the alienation of two of the largest easily-developable building sites remaining within easy distance of the urban area on terms depriving Government of the exceptionally high premiums readily obtainable at public auction. In the interests of non-profit-making associations, Government is prepared to surrender an even greater proportion of what would be normally regarded as a reasonable premium. The one condition attached to building sites allocated on these special terms is that Government will retain control over the disposal of the leases and the letting and sub-letting of the accommodation for a period of twenty years. For the individual, as for the large corporation, or for the cooperative organisation, a similar opportunity offers, on the undertaking that the lessee intends to live himself in the house he builds. Beyond the one further step—which may still prove to be unavoidable—that of Government assuming the role of property owner on a very large scale, and embarking on construction of residential accommodation of all kinds, no more effective way of stimulating building operations in the immediate future can be imagined. At last we have a very definite contribution to a solution of the problem and one that loses nothing in that the offer comes spontaneously from Government and not as the outcome of behind-the-scenes haggling. If little has been seen, in this special connection, housing, much has been heard of the capacity of private enterprise to get things done under conditions offering the necessary incentive. Here, it would seem on the face of it, are such conditions. Certainly, it is most unlikely that a more favourable opportunity will present itself, especially for those wanting to building their own homes, or sub-let to their own through a building association. The sharp debate in Council a few weeks ago was no doubt influential in producing the scheme at this stage. Insofar as that is true, Government is now throwing back the onus of achieving results. The reanome will be watched with keen interest, and it is to be hoped, with satisfaction.

What Has Happened To The Loan Dollars?

By J.C. Johnstone

For weeks past the air has become daily thicker with warnings by Ministers about an impending dollar crisis. The dollar loans, we are told, are being so rapidly exhausted that before the end of the year they are likely to run out, leaving us with no resources to cover the huge deficit in our balance of payments.

No doubt the Government have all the facts before them and the peril is real. But they never tell us just how the country has got into this mess. The ordinary citizen is left to divine the mystery as best he can for himself. Let us make the attempt.

The Washington Agreement of December, 1945, provided for a dollar credit of \$337,500,000, to be drawn upon at any time within the five years ending Dec. 31, 1951. Shortly afterwards a similar agreement with Canada provided for a further credit of \$312,500,000, making \$1,250,000,000 in all.

The purpose of the credits was to tide us over the inevitable gap in our balance of payments during the period of transition to normal peacetime conditions and to assist us in capital re-equipment.

Last year, thanks to the unexpectedly favourable development of our trade position, we drew on these credits to the extent of only \$280,000,000, so that we started this year with \$970,000,000 still available.

Near The End

The Government, according to the Economic Survey for 1947, expected to limit their drawings in 1947 to \$350,000,000 and thus to have \$620,000,000, or approximately half the credit, still in hand at the end of the year. This would have been a situation which could fairly be described as comfortable.

The question naturally suggests itself why, with little more than half the year gone, we are already in dire straits. Up to the end of July, \$688,000,000 has already been drawn—\$238,000,000 more than was intended for the whole year.

Thus, with five months of 1947 still to come, we have expended—including last year's drawings—a total of \$866,000,000, and have only \$384,000,000 outstanding. At the recent rate of expenditure this would only suffice till about November. Two reasons are adduced for this lamentable state of affairs—first, the curtailment of exports through the fuel crisis, and, second, the depreciation in the value of the credits due to the rise in world prices. Sir Stafford Cripps has just hinted at a third—an unexpected strain on sterling as a result of convertibility, which began on July 15.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail.")

Between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, a burglary was committed in Gough Street. A Bungalow was entered and some trunks of clothing carried out in the Verandah and ransacked. The watchman on the beat must have slept very soundly not to have been disturbed.

This is the season for robberies, and it is particularly desirable that a few trustworthy European be appointed to go the rounds and see that the Indian police are awake and at their posts. We are apprehend that this duty is performed in a slovenly manner, the attractions of the Public Houses proving too great for the faithful guardians of the night.

The "Amelia," which has just arrived from the Sandwich Islands, reports the discovery of a large island in Latitude 19 deg. 22 min. North, Longitude 141 deg. 15 min. 30 sec. East; a calm at the time. It appeared about 40 feet high and 4 miles long, very barren and of a brown colour.

William Byrne, Tailor, from Buckmaster's London, begs most respectfully to inform the Gentry of China that he has commenced business in the above line on the Premises situate in the Queen's Road, opposite the Commissariat Office; and W. B. trusts from his experience in the above well known House and other eminent Houses in London, to meet with that patronage and support that it will give to his study to merit.

Export Hopes

Laying their original plans for 1947 immediately before the fuel crisis, the Government felt entitled to assume that exports would continue at the same rate of expansion as in the latter part of 1946.

In the last quarter of 1946 the monthly average of exports was \$88,600,000, and this represented a volume of 111 per cent. of pre-war. The rate of expansion was such as to indicate a volume of 118 per cent. in the first quarter of 1947 and of 125 per cent. in the second quarter.

If exports had, in fact, expanded at this rate, and if the price level had remained stable where it was at the end of 1946, it may be calculated that the value of exports in the first half of this year would have been about \$682,000,000, as against the actual value of \$561,000,000. Similarly, if import prices had not increased, the value of what we actually imported in the same period would probably have been about \$703,000,000—\$83,000,000 less than they in fact cost us.

Thus the visible deficit on the first half year's trading account would have been about \$120,000,000. In the second half of the year, assuming as before the same rate of expansion and the same price level as in the last quarter of 1946, exports should have reached about \$650,000,000. Imports at the June volume, but at the price level of the last quarter of 1946, would be about \$770,000,000, making a deficit of \$120,000,000.

The widened gap
Thus, the aggregate deficit on the year would have been about \$240,000,000. This agrees approximately with the estimates in the Economic Survey for 1947.

The actual situation is that in the first half year the visible deficit was \$233,000,000, reflecting the effects both of the fuel crisis and of the rise in prices. In June exports showed a marked recovery to 106 per cent. of their pre-war figure, as compared with 97 per cent. in April. If they were to resume expansion at the rate of the last quarter of 1946 and the price level were to remain where it is, they should average in the remaining months of the year about \$102,000,000, as against \$93,000,000 in June. This would give a total of about \$165,000,000 for the half year.

Imports at the June volume and values would total \$900,000,000 in the second half year, leaving a deficit of \$285,000,000. The total gap on visible trading account would thus be about \$520,000,000, or about \$280,000,000 more than it seems was reasonably to be expected at the outset of the year.

These calculations are necessarily hypothetical, but if they are anywhere near correct, they would go some way towards explaining how the present position has arisen.

Convertibility

They would mean that drawings on the dollar credits during the year would be roughly \$620,000,000, as against the \$350,000,000 on which the Government had reckoned.

At the end of the year \$900,000,000 (including the \$280,000,000 drawn in 1946) would have been used, and only \$350,000,000 would remain available for the future, as compared with the \$620,000,000 originally anticipated.

This, however, though bad enough, cannot be the whole story. It does not explain why, if drawings of \$620,000,000 are the estimated requirement for the whole year, \$688,000,000 has already been expended during the first seven months. This is about \$230,000,000 more than would be expected on the basis of the actual trade deficit to date.

Where has all this money gone? An important source of the drain is almost certainly the obligation of convertibility, assumed on July 15 in accordance with the Washington Agreement. This no doubt partly explains the exceptionally heavy drawing of \$175,000,000 on the dollar credits in July, and it may prove only temporary.

Under the convertibility arrangement countries acquiring sterling on current trading account become entitled to convert it into dollars. Many countries have entered into agreements with us not to do so beyond stipulated limits, but it seems

that some others are exercising this right to be embarrassing extent.

There may also be other causes. For example, Government expenditure abroad (for example, on Germany) may have been higher than was anticipated.

Such appears to be a broad picture of the causes of our present plight, but it is a picture painted largely in the dark owing to the Government's persistent abstention from disclosing the relevant information. The question now arises how far these causes were within the control of the Government, and how far outside it.

The above estimate of \$280,000,000 as the additional deficit on the year due to the combined effects of the fuel crisis and the rise in prices comprises \$170,000,000 in respect of the crisis and \$110,000,000 in respect of the rise in prices. The \$170,000,000 does not differ significantly from Sir Stafford Cripps's round figure of \$200,000,000 as the loss in exports due to the fuel crisis.

It will be seen that by far the more important of the two factors is the fuel crisis. Indeed, without it, the loss due to the rise in prices alone would hardly have given serious cause for alarm.

Double Crisis

Responsibility for the fuel crisis is shared between the miners and the Government. It was the miners who, by their scandalous rate of over 10 per cent. of voluntary absenteeism, caused the shortage of coal, and the Government who neglected to adjust the consumption of coal to the supply, and assure adequate winter stocks.

This time last year, as the Government themselves acknowledged, it was almost a mathematical certainty that, at the current rate of consumption and production, there must be insufficient stocks for even a mild winter unless action were taken. No action was taken until the economic machine was on the point of breakdown, and it was no excuse to plead the winter was hard.

The moment, however, the fuel crisis was upon us the dollar crisis became as predictable as the fuel crisis itself had been. A last-minute insertion in the Economic Survey for 1947, published early in the fuel crisis, expressly stated that previously conceived export targets for this year could no longer be attained. It needed no unusual clairvoyance to foresee, that the balance of payments would be bound to deteriorate in the way it in fact has, except perhaps in so far as the position has been aggravated by the effects of convertibility.

Obscurantism
Yet, six months after the event, though talk is plentiful, action has been tardy. Apart from the budgetary onslaught on tobacco import and the saving of one or two million pounds by the slashing of newspaper imports—a gesture worthy of Mrs. Parlington herself—nothing has been done. Now the Government are to produce some fresh proposals.

A policy of import cuts, especially dollar imports, is rational and necessary, but it should have been drastic and early. The longer the delay the more severe must be the ultimate cuts. Judgment on the adequacy of the new programme must await its disclosure.

Threat To Singapore Rubber

Singapore, Aug. 21.

Twelve Chinese rubber factories are facing immediate closure as a result of the stoppage of imports of raw rubber from Sumatra.

In an interview with Central News, Lee Kong-chien, President of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, admitted that the situation was critical.

He explained that the cause of the stoppage of imports of raw rubber from Sumatra was partly due to the Dutch prohibition of shipping along some part of the east coast of Sumatra but mainly due to the Dutch control of the exchange rate between the Guilder and the Straits dollar.

In the blackmarket, one Guilder equals to only 20 cents of the Straits currency whereas Dutch insisted on the official rate of 80 cents to a Straits dollar which was unacceptable

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NO SENSE IN CROWDING

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8 S 3
H 8
D K Q 6 4 2
C K 10 5 3 2
S J 10 9 5
H A 9 7 2
D J 9
C A 7

(Dealer: East, East-West vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass 1 H Pass 2 D
Pass 3 S Pass 4 C
Pass 4 NT

North decided—in which he was correct—that South's 4-No Trumps was not meant as a Blackwood convention slam try, but an effort to play the hand at that contract. It proved just one level too high.

Despite the spade bid, West opened the J of that suit to the Q. South led his club Q to the A, took the spade 9 with the A, led to the club K, gave up the 10 to the J and played his heart K on the returned 10, the A

winning. The spade 10 removed South's last honour in that suit. He cashed the heart Q and J, then ran three top diamonds. But, when the suit failed to break, he had only nine tricks, so had to give up the setter to East.

It was unnecessary for the side to get too high. South could have prevented the crowding by bidding only 2-Spades on his second turn instead of three. That "reverse" would have been a one-round force, to which North could have responded with three of either minor and then South could have bid just 3-No Trumps. But North was also at fault. After South's powerful bid of 3-Spades, North should have taken a chance on 3-No Trumps, even with his bad fit for the majors. The combination of suits by both partners beat them deservedly out of a game which was there for them to score.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 7 3 2
H K 8 4
D Q 6
C Q J 10 8 3
S 10
H 10 7
D 10 7
C K 7 6 2
S A K J 9 5
H A J 9
D A 8 5
C 9 4

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)
If West leads the heart 3 against a No Trump game and South lays down the spade A, K and J to the Q, what should East discard?

YANKS IN ITALY WILL DIG IN FOR WINTER

Leghorn, Aug. 20.
American troops in Italy will dig in for the winter, Army officials disclosed today in the wake of unofficial reports that their stay has been shifted from a temporary to an indefinite status because of the Soviet delay in ratifying the Italian peace treaty.

The Army was caught off balance by the change in prospects for a stay in the Mediterranean theatre and is now short of winter clothing and equipment. The Army originally planned its withdrawal by April 1, 1947, as the earliest likely date, which later was reset to June 30. Now it is forced to order a complete halt in troop evacuation from the Morgan Line and base installations in Leghorn, Rome and elsewhere in Italy.

Under the new programme, the 88th Infantry Division will continue policing the Allied zone of Venezia Giulia fronting the Yugoslav zone. Leghorn and surrounding units will continue as supply commands. The Rome area will remain as a rest zone for troops and a liaison centre.

The number of American troops in the Mediterranean theatre has been classified secret, but authoritative sources set the figure at 20,000. British troops in the theatre were reported to number 30,000.—United Press.

APPEAL

Nuremberg, Aug. 20.
Dr. Friedrich Berghold, counsel for the former Field Marshal Milch, said today that he had been officially informed that the United States Supreme Court will hear his appeal for a review of the life imprisonment sentence. Milch was found guilty two months ago of war crimes and crimes against humanity, involving medical experimentation and slave labour. The appeal will come before the Supreme Court in October.—United Press.

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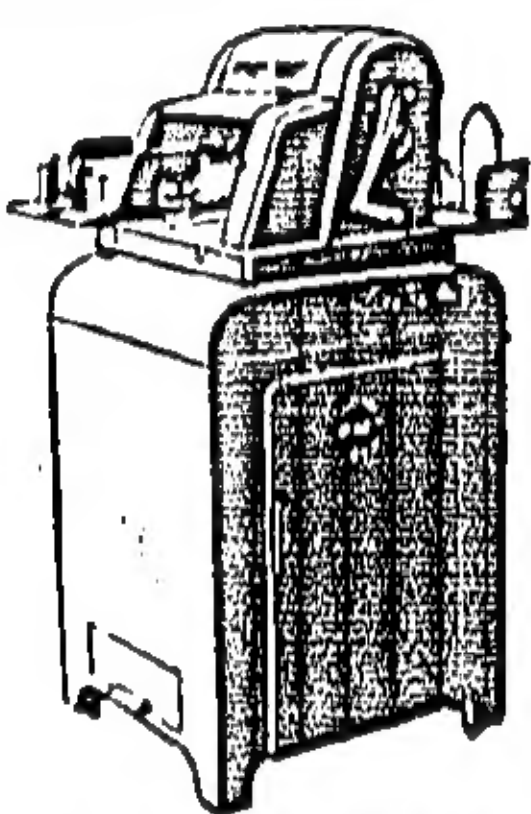
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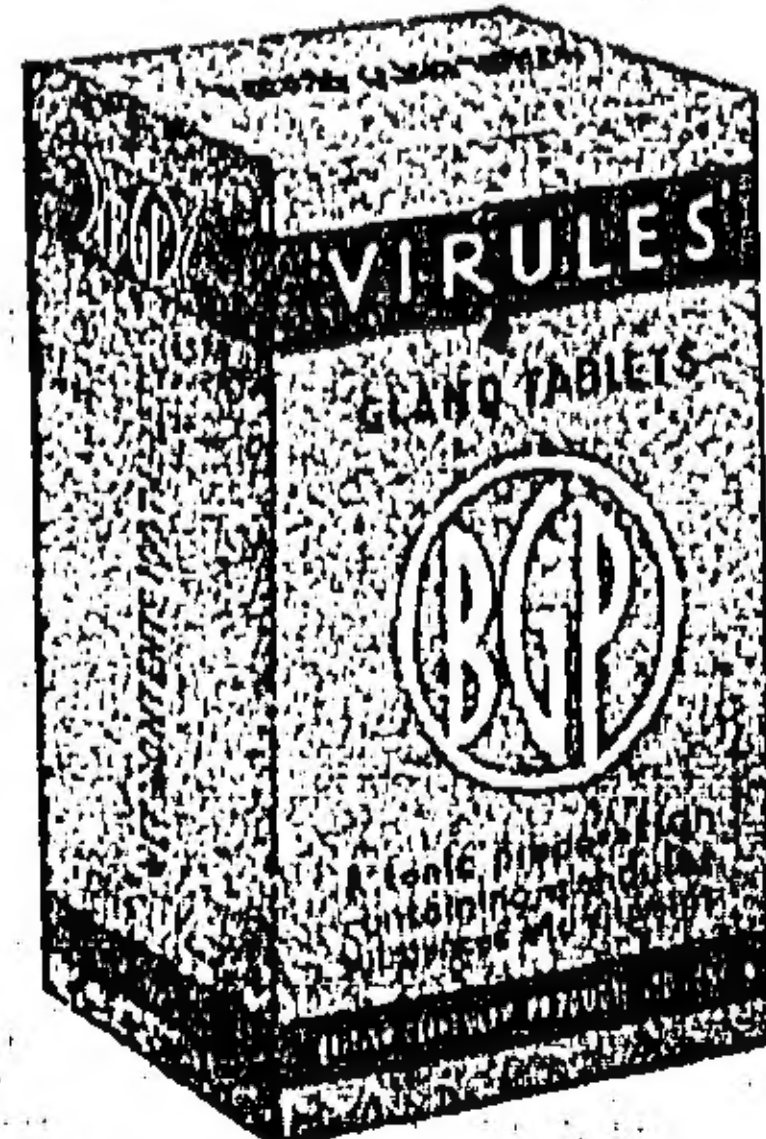
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Sterling Convertibility
Temporarily SuspendedDRAMATIC
ANNOUNCEMENT

London, Aug. 20.

The Treasury has announced the temporary sus-
pension of many of the present arrangements
for the convertibility of sterling to dollars.
Sterling on Canada account may only be used in
Canada or the sterling area.The Treasury order has been
issued, with effect from August
21, 1947. The order repeats
the substance of the existing
payments orders with the fol-
lowing amendments:"Sterling can no longer be
freely transferred from trans-
ferable accounts (of non-resi-
dents of sterling area) to Amer-
ican accounts or Canadian ac-
counts, but remains otherwise
transferable as hitherto.
"Sterling on Canadian ac-
count may only be used in Can-
ada or the sterling area. Can-
adian transferable accounts
disappear.Announcing the decisions in a
broadcast tonight, the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer, Mr.
Hugh Dalton, said: "We have
decided, with deep regret, that
it is no longer possible to con-
tinue the arrangements under
which the heavy burden of the
desperate dollar shortage of so
many other countries is simply
shifted on to our shoulders."Sterling will still be able to
be exchanged freely into any
other currencies, and, indeed,
our new arrangements will pro-
vide for a much wider use of
sterling in international ex-
change than was the case a few
months ago.

American Agreement

"This decision has been taken
following talks in Washington
with the American Government,
in exchange of letters between
ourselves and our American
friends will be published to-
morrow, and I should like to
say at once how much we all
appreciate their cooperation and
understanding in this matter."In the same spirit, and with
a consciousness of that sense
of comradeship which has never
failed us, we are also in close
consultation with the Canadian
Government."Disclosing that Britain was
losing dollars at the rate of
over \$30,000,000 daily, Mr. Dal-
ton recalled his Commons' state-
ment of the heavy drawings on
the American loan in July."I had hoped that the draw-
ing in August would be a good
deal less than this," he said.

Heavy Drain

"But since the in both Houses
of Parliament, on August 6 and
August 7, and the press com-
ments which followed these de-
bates, there has been a further
sharp increase in the drain on
our dollars."In the five working days
ending August 16, we had to
pay out no less than \$44,000,-
000. On Monday and Tuesday
of this week, we had to pay out
a further \$16,500,000. Clearly
this cannot go on."It is a grievous disappoint-
ment to us as it must be to our
friends in the United States and
Canada, that great effort at
postwar financial reconstruction,
which we have made to-
gether, has resulted in this set-
back."But we must keep sterling a
strong currency, not a currency
that every holder hurries to
turn into dollars overnight.
The strength of sterling is an
asset not only to us and to our
friends in the sterling area, but
to all the world."We have done everything in
our power to develop multi-
lateral trade, but, if the pre-
sent strain on sterling contin-
ued unchecked, it would be good-
bye to all hopes of fully multi-
lateral trade for many years to
come.

Unavoidable

"Our decision will inevitably
cause disturbance of trade over
a wide area, and may lead to
some interruption of supplies.
We regret this, but it is un-
avoidable. If we had waited,
instead of acting now, this dis-
turbance and interruption
would only have been worse.
We hope that it will be under-
stood everywhere in Britain,
this decision is only the taking
of wise precautions to maintain
a firm foundation for sterling
as an international currency."We shall now have to make
new arrangements with other
countries to help us all to deal
with this new situation."Telling the British public
that they must face some fur-
ther shortages of overseas sup-
plies, Mr. Dalton said: "As
you have already been warned,
there will probably have to besome reductions in our rations."
Britain, he added, must close
the gap between imports and
exports "as a condition of na-
tional self-respect and national
survival, even at the cost of pre-
sent sacrifices, in which all
must share equally."Appealing to workers in es-
sential industries for still
greater efforts, Mr. Dalton
said: "We cannot have too
much coal, and, if we have too
little, we cannot get through.""Agriculture is a great dol-
lar saver. The more food we
grow here, the less we need to
import.

Idleness A Crime

"All of you who are working
for exports—in textiles, steel,
engineering, chemicals and
many other industries—your
work is earning the food and
the materials that we must im-
port, if our people are to have
full employment and a good
standard of life.""In this emergency," the
Chancellor said, "idleness is a
crime. There is no substitute
for hard work if we are to re-
store our national economy."Mr. Dalton called for renewed
efforts at private savings
and added: "We, the men and
women of Britain, are still the
same people who showed the
world what we could do, stand-
ing alone, in the days of war."
"Shall we do less to save our-No New Loan Sought
By Britain

Washington, Aug. 20.

Mr. John W. Snyder, United States Secretary of
the Treasury, said here tonight that the
British had not requested any additional loan.
"We are viewing the British problem with a great
deal of sympathy," he declared. He reported
"good progress."Mr. Snyder declined to com-
ment himself at a press con-
ference on questions of whether
he intended to interfere directly
with the problems of Britain's
national economy, such as
internationalization and coal pro-
duction.Asked how Britain was going
to carry on when the loan ex-
pired, Mr. Snyder suggested
that Britain might be able to
get the money from "private
banks, the United States Export-
Import Bank, the World Bank
or the International Monetary
Fund."Observers took this as an in-
dication that the chances of
Britain obtaining positive as-
sistance as a result of the present
talks were small.

Two Groups

The delegates will continue to
work on a technical level in two
separate groups. Mr. Snyder
disclosed that these groups
were:1. Trade: these discussions
are concerned mostly with the
non-discrimination article (9) of
the Anglo-American loan agree-
ment, which limits Britain's
ability to buy goods in soft cur-
rency areas.2. Finance: This group is
concentrating on financial prob-
lems generally but on the con-
vertibility clause of the financial
agreement in particular.The first group is under the
State Department chairmanship,
while Treasury officials are
dealing with the more important
financial part of the problem.Mr. Snyder refused to be
drawn into comment on Britain's
plight, saying: "I am relying
on Mr. Attlee to voice what he
thinks but I have not had an
opportunity myself to go fully
into facts and to reach a per-
sonal conclusion.""That's what we are trying
to do now."Mr. Snyder is having daily
meetings with Sir Wilfred Eady,
head of the British delegation.

Clayton Comment

In London, the Anglo-
American dollar talks were
stepped up to greater speed to-
day when Mr. William Clayton,
United States Under-Secretary
of State for Economic Affairs,
flew to London from Paris for
discussions about Britain's
economic plight with ministers
at the Board of Trade.No Further
WithdrawalWashington, Aug. 21.
The United States has
agreed to emergency action to
halt the drain on Britain's
fast diminishing dollar sup-
ply.Simultaneously, Britain
agreed to make no further
withdrawals from her \$3,750,
000,000 loan, which now has
 dwindled to \$850,000,000,
pending consultations on the
emergency steps.The Anglo-American deci-
sion was announced simul-
taneously here and in London.
—Associated Press.selves in the days of peace?"—
Reuter.

More Austerity

Simultaneously, Sir Wilfred
Eady, chief of the British Finan-
cial Mission here, disclosed that
Britain:May have to cut imports even
beyond the drastic restrictions
already announced.Will have to rewrite 25 to 30
trade agreements with other coun-
tries containing clauses for the
exchange of pounds into dollars.London dispatches quoted
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Hugh Dalton as figuring the loan
balance at \$750,000,000.A Treasury official said Ameri-
can account countries exempted
from the effects of the action in-
clude the Philippines. But the
Chinese status, along with that
of 12 other so-called American
account countries, was considered
doubtful.Among the countries which
probably will be effected is the
Netherlands and the Dutch mon-
etary area.—Associated Press.Dollar Change
ResultsNew York, Aug. 21.
Observers in crude drug oil in-
dustries believe the revaluation
of the Chinese dollar exchange
rate foretells greater supplies of
tung oil, camphor, menthol, cassia,
rhubarb, the "Journal of Com-
merce" said.The opening of Shanghai should
result in greater supplies parti-
cularly of tung oil.Under normal circumstances, a
sharp price break might be ex-
pected, but both importers and
consumers are looking for the
stabilization of the price struc-
ture at or near the present levels.The first offerings of menthol
in six weeks were made here on
Tuesday at a similar level as ear-
lier quotations, \$640 to \$740 and
rhubarb, camphor, cassia and
tung oil remained firm.—Asso-
ciated Press.MONTY DECORATES
FRENCH CADETLondon, Aug. 21.
Robert Lequeux, 21-year-old
pupil corporal cadet from Paris,
was received by Field Marshal
Lord Montgomery on Wednesday
and given an English cadet badge.
The young Frenchman, whose
father fought with the resistance
during the war, is one of a party
of 10 French cadets visiting Eng-
land as guests of a Harrow cadet
battalion.—Associated Press.

PETKOV TRIAL

Sofia, Aug. 20.
The four co-defendants in the
trial of Nicola Petkov, who
were sentenced to five to 15
years imprisonment, have an-
nounced that they will not ap-
pear against their sentences.
Petkov, who was sentenced to
death, has not yet appealed. He
has the right to do so up to
August 30.—United Press.

MAIL SUSPENDED

London, Aug. 20.
The Postmaster General an-
nounced tonight that the postal
service from Britain to many
places in Shantung (China), in-
cluding Harbin, the chief city of
Manchuria, has been temporarily
suspended.—Reuter.GILMAN'S
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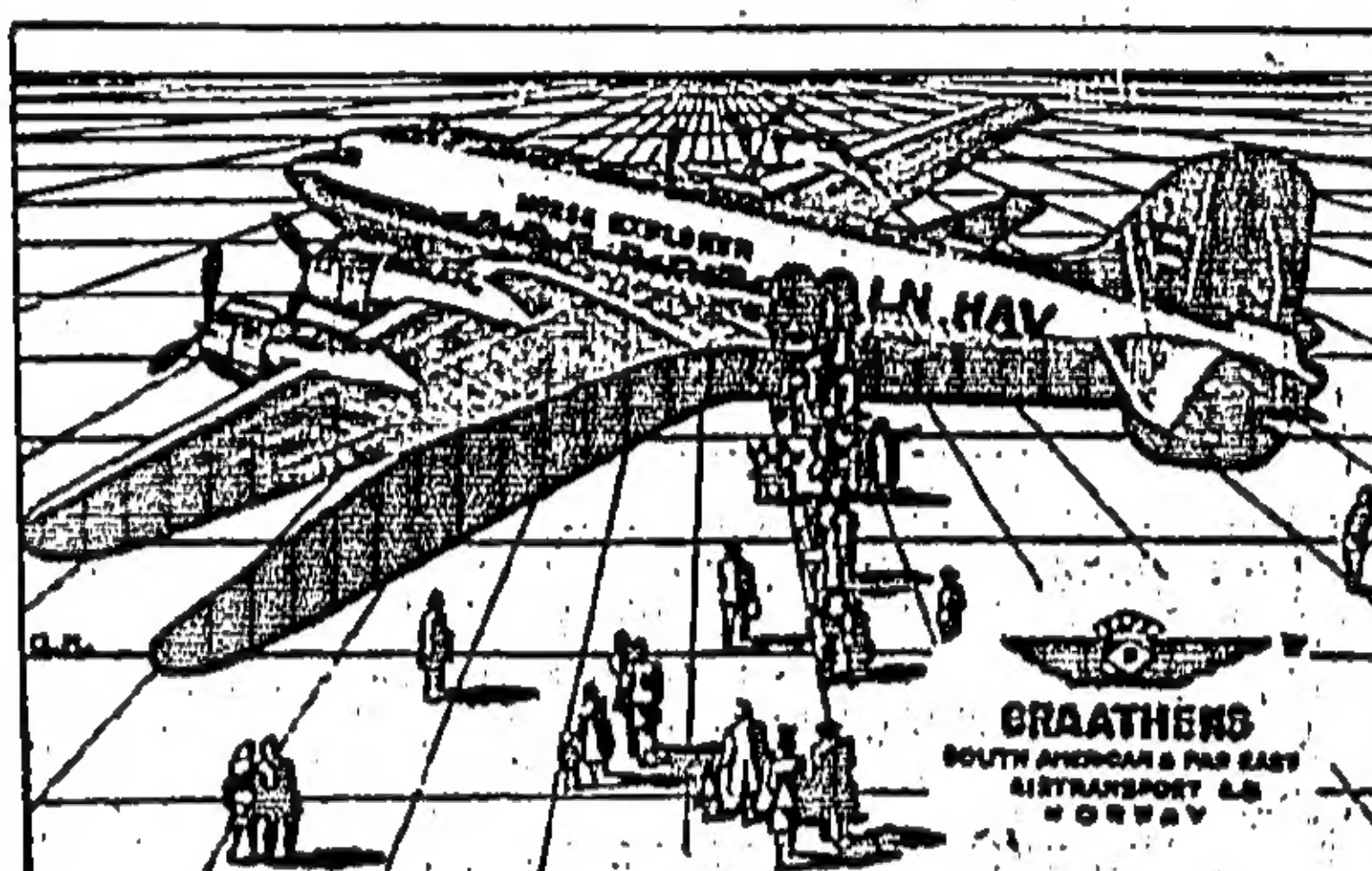
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Jap Ship Bombing "Accident"

Tokyo, Aug. 21.

A Far Eastern Air

Forces spokesman

today described as

"purely accidental" the

dropping of a practice

bomb by a P-51 aircraft

near an 870-ton Japan-

ese ship off Hakata,

Kyushu, on August 12.

Japanese reports yesterday said

the ship was bombed by a

squadron of three unidentified

planes, which dropped 10 to 15

bombs on the No. 3 Kamogawa

Maru, belonging to the Kawasaki

Steamship Company. The re-

ports added that one bomb fell

about 100 metres from the stern

but no damage was caused.

The planes were a group of

P-51s on a routine practice run

on a target, but because of over-

cast weather the planes could not

locate the target. Before re-

turning, the planes, following

usual procedure, jettisoned bombs,

but one stuck in the bomb rack.

The bomb finally loosened and

must have dropped near the

Japanese vessel.

The pilots reported the in-

cident to Headquarters, but the

matter had not been considered

important enough to deserve a

special announcement.—United

Press.

STOCK MARKET

London, Aug. 20.

Once again little transpired in

the stock markets today outside

that of the Kaifir section where

the best prices were not fully

maintained, owing to considerable

net-taking, but a harder ten-

dency was noticeable at the close.

Domestic issues spent a quiet

day with fresh uncertainty being

caused by reports of likely

changes in the British Cabinet.

Industrial showed small losses

but the gilt-edged section was

without alteration. In the oil

market, movements were narrow

and with slight bias towards the

lower levels. Foreign bonds de-

veloped little movement but for-

eign rails, particularly Argen-

tines, turned easier in the later

stages.—Reuters.

ST. STEPHEN LANE TRANSFER SET ASIDE

An appeal, arising out of a judgment delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, on May 8, whereby a document purporting to be an instrument of transfer in respect of 8 St. Stephen Lane was set aside and declared null and void, was heard before the Full Court, comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Additional Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The appeal was against an order of the judgment as adjudged that the failure of the plaintiff to notify the defendant of a forgery of his signature on an assignment—dated Feb. 19, 1946, until Apr. 26, 1946, although with knowledge of the said forgery since, approximately, December 1945, did not entitle him from denying the said assignment.

Appellant, Tang Chi-kin, was represented by Mr. B. A. Bor-nacchi, instructed by Mr. D. I. Street of Messrs. Geo. K. Hall, Bratton & Company. Mr. Eldon Poter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Amanda, C. Y. Kwan of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co. appeared for the respondent, Tang Fong-chuen, a general in the Chinese Army.

Judgment

The judgment of Sir Henry

Blackall read in part:

"This case has been confined to a narrow compass in the end.

The only point for decision is whether the plaintiff stood by that in to say, had knowledge that the defendant was spending money on his property and took no steps to explain the position to him and and so stop the defendant from wasting his money.

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BANK DIVIDEND

The Mercantile Bank of India, has been advised telegraphically by the London Office, that an interim dividend of 5% less tax had been declared for the year 1947.

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Students Face Murder Charge

Canton, Aug. 20.

The trial of three Ling-nan students for having allegedly killed to death their teacher, Mr. Tsai Hui-pu, took place at the Canton High Court this morning.

The three students were charged by the Public Prosecutor's Office with killing to death Mr. Tsai, of the Lingnan Middle School, when he refused to acquiesce in their demand to have prior knowledge of the examination questions set for the following day, when the students were supposed to sit for their graduation examination.

Reversal

One of the accused students today reversed a statement he made at a previous questioning, by denying he kicked Tsai on the night of the incident. His lawyer explained his denial by saying that the student was actuated by a sense of gallantry and was trying to shoulder the blame himself at that time. He was not in a normal state of mind when he made the statement.

The other two testified that they switched off the lights to frighten Mr. Tsai with ghost cries. Their action was not premeditated, they asserted. The Court's verdict will be announced on August 26.—Central News.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If mail closes before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Post close at 8 p.m. on previous day.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Airmail for Amoy, Fouchow and Tainan (Formosa), (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Canton (Fly Train), 7 a.m.
Swatow and Hongkong, 10 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 11 a.m.
Canton (Fly Train), 2 p.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.

Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 4 p.m.
Kowloon, 4 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Haera, Cairo, Nairoli, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marseilles and London.
Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.; L.P.O., (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, Colombo, Rangoon, Bays, Rangoon and Auckland, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Japan (Ordinary letters and parcels only), 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton and Hoihow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Hongkong, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
Airmail for Manila P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Canton (Fly Train), 7 a.m.
Formosa via Tainan, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Noon.
Manila P.I., Noon.
Formosa via Tainan, Noon.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 1 p.m.
Canton (Fly Train), 2 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy, 3 p.m.
Straits, Batavia, Sourabaya and Macao, 3 p.m.

Kowloon, 4 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 4 p.m.
Canton (Fly Train), 5 p.m.
Airmail for Canton and Kowloon, (Reg.) 5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Chungking only, (Reg.) 5 p.m. (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
Canton, 9 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 10 a.m.
Manila P.I., 10 a.m.
Swatow, 10 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Haera, Cairo, Nairoli, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marseilles and London.
(Reg.) 5 p.m. 25/8, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 24/8.

The a.s. "China Bear" is expected from San Francisco at 6 a.m. on August 25 and will berth alongside the Kowloon Wharf. She will sail for Shanghai next morning, as soon as cargo work is completed.

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S.S. "WINGSANG" From Shanghai & Foochow 23rd Aug.
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SOUTH AFRICA FAILS BY 28 RUNS IN DRAMATIC TEST

London, Aug. 20.
South Africa failed by 28 runs, with three wickets intact, to force a dramatic victory over England in the fifth and final Test match, which ended today in a draw.
Facing what appeared to be a hopeless task of getting 451 to win on a wicket showing signs of wear, South Africa scored 423 for seven.
Bruce Mitchell, who carried his score to 189 not out—his highest score in Test cricket—was helped in another big partnership by Tuckett and 109 were added in 90 minutes for the eighth wicket.
Mitchell, who batted admirably for seven hours, collected another record which he had scored 130, his aggregate then beating F. Taylor's record of 238 for South Africa in Tests. Mitchell's previous highest individual Test score was 164 not out against England at Lords in 1935.
South Africa lost two quick wickets when Alan Melville was caught at the wicket at 217 and two runs later Dawson fell to a brilliant catch by Howarth in the gully.
A brilliant innings of 97 by Dudley Nourse first gave South Africa the chance of turning the tables on England. At one period, South Africa, after appearing to be in a hopeless position, needed only 202 in three hours, with seven wickets standing, but the spell of two wickets in four balls for one run by Cranston caused another fluctuation of fortunes.
At the tea interval, South Africa were 294 for six when 157 runs were needed in 105 minutes.
Mitchell Lashes Out
Nourse, batting with vigour and skill, scored 97, including 12 fours in two hours 25 minutes. Mitchell, as if suddenly realising a chance of victory, released a series of superlative cover drives, which left the fieldsmen standing and runs came quickly. He reached his century in four hours 50 minutes and became the second South African to score a hundred in each innings of a Test, Alan Melville having done so in the first Test at Nottingham.
Scoreboard
The re-broadcast of the end of the final Test read:
England: 427 and 325 for six declared. South African 302 and 423 for seven.
South Africa's second innings:
Dyer, b. b. Wright 4
Mitchell, not out 189
Vijlen, stumped Evans, b 33
Howarth 37
Nourse, b. Howarth 97
Melville, c. Evans, b. Cranston 217
Dawson, c. Evans, b. Cranston 10
Pulleton, c. Evans, b. Howarth 14
Mann, c. Hutton, b. Wright 10
Tuckett, not out 40
Extras 30
Total for seven 423
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Cranston 36 11 68 0
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Howarth 37 8 85 3
Cranston 21 3 61 2
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Hutton 2 0 14 0
Yardley 1 0 1 0
Reuter.

Middlesex Vies With Gloucestershire

London, Aug. 20.
Middlesex and Gloucestershire, who are struggling at the top of the County cricket championship table are both on the road to victory in their matches which began today.
Middlesex did well to score 253 on a tricky wicket at Derby, and their score was chiefly due to Brown, who contributed 95. They looked all set for a large total when the third wicket fell at 158, but then five men were dismissed for only seven runs. Derby also found the wicket troublesome and have lost four batsmen for only 88.
Gloucestershire gained first innings lead against Glamorgan at Cheltenham, after having made a great recovery from a disastrous start. They lost their first four wickets for 11 runs, but the tail-enders took the score to 172. This total proved too much for Glamorgan, who found Cook in fine form, with his leg breaks and were dismissed for 156. Cook took six for 56.
The close of play scores are: At Southbourne: Essex 434 for eight (Peter Smith 83, Bailey 205). Sussex to bat.
At Northampton: Notts 219 (R. Clark 56 for 57). Northants 147 for six (Barron 61).
At Dover: Kent 208 (Todd 66, Fagg 60, Jackson 56 for 58). Worcestershire 139 for nine.
At Derby: Middlesex 253 (Brown 95). Derbyshire 88 for four.
At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 172 (Wilson 56). Mattheus four for 41 and 18 for no wickets. Glamorgan 156 (Watkins 55, Cook six for 50).
At Manchester: Lancashire 329 (Klin 82, G. A. Edrich 93). Hampshire 48 for three.
At Leicester: Leicestershire 404 (Tomlin 122, Lester 100 not out, Pickering 57). Somerset 11 for one.
At Leicestershire: Yorkshire 314 (Hulliday 97, Watson 88, Sellers 69, Hollies 56 for 72). Warwickshire nine for no wickets.
Reuter.

Gaoled For Deserting Their Ship

Bernard Harris (19) and Frank Phillips (33), both seamen of the s.s. "Treworlis", began a month's hard labour at Stanley yesterday after conviction at the Marine Court of deliberately missing their ship.
They were each sentenced to \$100 dollar fine or one month's gaol.
Mr. W.R. Hillyer, Deputy Shipping Master, who prosecuted, said that on the morning of August 10 the master of the "Treworlis" reported to him that six or seven of his crew were absent from his ship which was due to sail at four o'clock that afternoon.
Harris and Phillips, who could not be found, gave themselves up at the office of the ship's agents on the afternoon of August 20.
Mr. Hillyer produced a letter from the master of the "Treworlis" stating that notice of time of sailing of the ship was duly put up.
All shore leave up to 7 a.m. on the 19th had been cancelled.
Both Harris and Phillips pleaded that they did not know the time of sailing.
Harris said he was in Hong Kong on the night of the 18th and got drunk.
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City's Toll Of Dead May Rise UP ABOVE THE THOUSAND MARK

Cadiz, Aug. 21.
The entire population of this shattered city was in mourning today as the toll of known dead in Monday night's devastating explosion reportedly reach 400.
The national news agency, Cifra, quoting authoritative sources, reported that over 400 bodies had already been recovered and estimated that the final toll might be over 1,000.
The news agency, Menche, quoting the same source, reported that 5,000 to 6,000 were injured.
News agency figures distributed to the Spanish press could not be immediately verified.
A requiem mass for 113 dead was celebrated in the cemetery chapel yesterday.—United Press.
(For Eye-witness Account—See Mr. Pearson's Page 4).

The Heat Went On

Tipperary, Aug. 20.
Mr. Michael Ryan, well-known farmer and one of Ireland's greatest international Rugby football forwards, was killed by lightning last night while working on his farm near Rockwell College, Cashel County, Tipperary.
The horse he was driving was also killed.
Ryan and his brother, the late John Ryan, played in the last Irish rugby team to win the Triple Crown in 1899, and were regarded as among the greatest forwards the game ever produced. Fifty years ago they played rugby with Mr. De Valera when he was on the professional staff of Rockwell College.—Reuter.

NEW FORMS OF PIER LEASES PLANNED

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Any application will be carefully investigated where the lease is known to have been or otherwise disposed of possession of the pier or any part of it.
Renewal Terms
Leases will be granted in the first instance for 15 years from 1st January 1950, with an option for renewal for a further term of 15 years which shall subsequently be extended for yet another term of 15 years subject to mutual agreement between Government and the lessee. Rentals will be reassessed at the end of each fifteen year period. No lease will continue beyond 31st December, 1964.
Every lease will contain the following covenants:
(i) For due repair and maintenance including maintenance in a cleanly condition, and for handing over in a serviceable condition on the expiration of the term.
(ii) Not to assign, sub-let or otherwise dispose of or part with possession of the pier without the written consent of the Governor.
(iii) At all times to permit inspection by authorised officers of the Government.
(iv) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for any purpose other than the lessee's business without the written consent of the Governor.
(v) Not to make any alteration or extension of the pier or to erect any structure thereon without the written consent of the Director of Public Works.
(vi) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for the storage of materials or goods of any description, other than gear required for working the pier, or to permit such materials or goods to remain on the pier beyond the time actually required for transit purposes.
(vii) To comply with the provisions of all enactments now or hereafter in force regarding the construction, maintenance, lighting or use of piers.
(viii) To ensure the preservation of due order in the whole area included in the pier lease.
(ix) Not to exhibit or permit to be exhibited any advertisement on or above the pier without the written consent of the Governor.
(x) If the pier is at any time used for the embarkation of passengers, the lessee, if called upon to do so by the Governor, to erect and maintain such shelters or other structures as the Governor may require for the use of police and preventive officers for the inspection of passengers and their baggage.
Re-Entry Proviso
Every pier lease will contain a proviso for re-entry on the breach or non-observance of the covenants or stipulations of the part of the lessee.
It is recognized that special conditions will arise in the case of privately owned piers which are used for public utility services.
Present rentals are in accordance with the scale prescribed in the schedule to the Piers Ordinance, 1899, and this scale continues in force until 31st December, 1949. The scale is open to criticism on the following grounds:
(a) It was devised fifty years ago and does not reflect present-day values.
(b) The rentals throughout the harbour frontage of the City of Victoria are on the same scale irrespective of the position of the pier or the use to which it is put.
(c) The rentals for piers in places other than Victoria are one-half of the scale for the piers in Victoria irrespective of locality.
Disparities
(d) The scale is not related to any basic rental per square foot, but is a fixed rental graded according to specified areas and after an area of 10,000 feet has been reached no additional rental is chargeable.
(e) This scale does not take into consideration advantages derived from locality, shelter or depth of water or the suitability of any of these factors to the use for which the pier is intended.
The scale at present applicable to Victoria for the smallest piers (500 ft. and under) works out at 24c. per square foot against 12c. per square foot for a pier of 10,000 square feet or 6c. per square foot for a pier of 20,000 square feet. For a pier in the choicest position on the Kowloon promontory the rent would be the same as that for a pier of equal size at Tai Po. For a pier at Kennedy Town the rental would be double that for a pier of equal size in the choicest position at Kowloon.
To Be Rated
The Piers Ordinance, 1899, will be repealed in toto subject to the preservation until 31st December, 1949, of the rights, privileges, obligations or liabilities acquired, accrued or incurred under the Ordinance under or by virtue of licences or leases granted before 31st December, 1946.
This will remove the exemption from rating granted by section 17 of the Piers Ordinance, and an amendment will be made to the Rating Ordinance, 1901, so as to provide for the rating of piers.
All applications for the grant of new pier leases should be made to the Director of Public Works.

Sun Fo At Chungshan

Macao, Aug. 21.
Chungshan today gave a warm welcome to Vice-President Sun Fo who is visiting his native village to celebrate the birthday of his mother.
General Chang Fu-kwei and Lo Chueh-ying also arrived at Chungshan this afternoon and were among those who received Dr. Sun.—United Press.

Baseball

New York, Aug. 21.
In the National League, Whitey Kurowski, belted a relief hurler Hugh Casey's first pitch for a homer in the 12th, to give St. Louis an uphill 3-2 victory over Brooklyn in the last of their four game series. The victory narrowed the Dodgers' lead to 4½ games.
Kurowski singled to left in the eighth for St. Louis' first hit. Up to that time Ralph Branca had allowed only two Cardinals to reach first. Cardinal's Murry Dickson allowed only four hits until taken out for a pinch hitter in the eighth.
Johnny Mize and Mickey Wittek homered to pace New York to a 10-3 victory in the opener. Mize got his 48th homer in the night-cap, but Cincinnati won 3-2.
Boston lost sloppily after reaching the 1,000,000 home attendance mark, Pittsburgh winning 16-10.—Associated Press.

TO INCREASE FOOD STOCKS

London, Aug. 21.
The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Tom Williams) today announced plans for a £100,000,000 increase in agricultural produce output during the next five years.
This will be the farmers' part in the one-way street of greater production for Britain's economic recovery.
"Farmers now have the great opportunities of their lives to do what they can without coercion for a country in desperate straits," he told a press conference.
It is the intention of Government to throw behind this scheme all the material resources, including labour.
"For the first time farmers have, not for one year or two, but for the whole series of years an absolutely assured market for all they can produce," said the Minister.
Mr. Williams warned that "no situation during the war was from serious than the present moment confronting the nation."
The new expansion programme aims at £72,000,000 or 15 per cent. more output than in 1944 which was the previous high mark, he said.
The £100,000,000 increased production would come half from increased efficiency and half from additions to agricultural resources.
"Emphasis has been deliberately placed on dollar saving products," he said.
"Almost all products have dollars as pork, eggs, mutton, cereals and linseed. The programme, therefore, is one of reviving and expanding the product of meat, eggs, wheat and barley and adding to the crop area no less than 400,000 acres of linseed."
Half a million acres of wheat would be planted next year over this year's 2,740,000 acres, Mr. Williams said.
Subsidies
He also announced four new subsidies.
The subsidies, "designed as stimulus to production," included:

British Golf

Brighton, Aug. 21.
Dal Rees, Britain's outstanding professional of 1947, is headed for another tournament win by adding a 67 to his first round 69 in the London "News Chronicle" 72 hole golf tournament.
With many cards still to come in, the steady Rees, a sure thing for the British Ryder Cup team going to America in October, held a seven stroke advantage over his nearest rival, Frank Jowle, who tumbled 69 in the second round.
Australian Norman Van Nida, seeking to push his British record winnings, trailed by eight, stroked with 70.
The final two rounds of the £1,500 event will be played on Thursday over the 6,016 yard Hollingbury Park Links.—Associated Press.

ST. STEPHEN LANE TRANSFER SET ASIDE BY COURT

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"In that case, as was laid down in Dunn v. Spurrer, it is for the plaintiff to prove, not merely to raise a probable conjecture, but to show it upon highly probable grounds, a case of bad faith and bad conscience against defendant. Further on in that case, the Lord Chancellor said 'It must be put upon the party (that is to say, the defendant in the present case) to prove his case by strong and cogent evidence,' leaving no reasonable doubt that he acted upon that sort of encouragement."
The Next Day
"He has also said that the very next day after he had seen Lal Nook, he mentioned the matter to a friend of his and that friend very properly advised him to consult his solicitor and he straight away went to see Mr. Kwan and Mr. Kwan advised him that he could do nothing until the Civil Courts were open. Mr. Kwan also informed him that all sales and purchases were at a standstill. The plaintiff thereupon instructed Mr. Kwan that as soon as the work of the Civil Courts were open, he was to proceed with the matter at once."
"Well, it seems to me that if a man consults a respectable solicitor and takes his advice, this Court cannot regard him as acting as unreasonably."
The plaintiff then tells us that he went away and he has explained what he was doing. He holds a very responsible position in the Chinese administration. Having put his affairs properly in his solicitor's hands, it appears to me that there was nothing unreasonable in his not taking any further steps in the matter.
"I did ask him why he did not get in touch with the defendant and see if the defendant would give up the property amicably. Well, he has explained that he considered that it was very unlikely, in fact more than that, for he said that the defendant would not be so simple as to agree to it."
"Subsequent History"
"Well, the subsequent history of this case rather shows that his view on this subject was correct. Anyhow, so far as that goes, I am satisfied, having seen and observed him, that the explanation he gave was a bona fide one."
There remains the question as to whether he knew about these repairs going on either himself personally or through some deputy. Various suggestions have been forwarded by Mr. Bernacchi as to this but I cannot put any of them higher than a conjecture—I would say rather a far-fetched conjecture.
"Having heard the plaintiff, I am satisfied that he gave a correct version of what happened and that he did not know these repairs were being effected at that time, if indeed they were effected. On this point, it is not irrelevant to mention that the law then prohibited more than a small amount of repairs to be done without a permit and there is no evidence before the Court that the defendant obtained a permit for extensive repairs."
"The Basis"
"However, I should like to make it quite clear that I do not base my decision on that point. I prefer to base it upon the principles laid down in the case which I already referred to, namely, that it is for the defendant to show that the plaintiff stood by and, having heard the whole evidence, I consider he has failed to do this."
"If therefore give judgment for the plaintiff in the terms of the statement of claim."
Hearing was adjourned till 10.15 a.m. today.
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Young Watchman Was An Ambitious Man

Chan Yuet-chiu, 29-year-old watchman employed by the Far East Flying School at Kai Tak, was an ambitious man. He wanted to both better his position and his income of \$125 per month.
But according to Magistrate W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday he "went the wrong way about it," when he took the car of Mr. Hal's, the Chief Instructor, to practice driving.
Mr. Halls, said Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth, parked his car (1194) outside the Driving School.
Defendant drove it off without so much as a "by your leave."
He "drove round and round the school," and went bang into the tail of an aircraft belonging to Mr. K.B. Leo.
Apparently getting into a blue funk, Chan drove the car back to where he first found it and disappeared without bothering to report the accident.
Ultimately defendant was traced and arrested.
The damage to the aircraft, continued S/I Howarth, was estimated at \$1,000, while repairs to Mr. Hal's car would cost about \$270.
Pleading for leniency, defendant said that he had a mother, wife and two children to support. An the \$125 per month he was earning was insufficient to make ends meet, he was learning to drive.
"You went the wrong way about it," said His Worship. "We can't have people smashing things up like this. You are not a child. You are 27 and should know better."
When Chan declared that he was 29 and not 27, His Worship said, "That makes it worse."
Defendant was fined \$50 for driving without a valid licence, \$150 for failing to report the accident, and \$100 for driving without the owner's permission.

YEARLING SALE

Deauville, Aug. 20.
Prince Ali Khan sold two horses during today's session of yearling sales here for a total of 2,020 guineas. The horses, Setarah, a colt by Blue Moon out of Blancheland and Alantala, a filly by Pirilil out of Her Ladyship were the only two to be brought out of six offered by Prince Ali Khan from his French stable at Marly La Ville. Setarah brought 700 guineas and Alantala went for 1,200 guineas.—Reuter.

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"The problem arising from such a situation was considered by a Committee composed of persons versed in company business and company law, and it is upon the foundation of such Committee's deliberations and recommendations that this Bill has been drawn up."
"Accompanying the Bill as presented to Council there are objects and reasons of a very comprehensive character."
"In view of that fact I am not unnecessary that I should detain Council by prolonged discussion of the various provisions of the Bill."
"It perhaps would suffice if I were to invite special attention to clause 14 of the Bill which deals with the difficult question of the issue of new share certificates where original share certificates are lost."
The motion was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and carried.
Income Tax
The Attorney General also moved the adoption of the Rules made by the Board of Inland Revenue on June 24, 1947, under section 86 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance No. 20 of 1947.
He said: "Section 86 empowers the Board of Inland Revenue to make rules generally for carrying out provisions of the Ordinance and for the ascertainment and determination of any class of income."
"It provides, however, that such rules having been made by the Board shall be referred to the Governor, and shall be subject to the approval of this Council."
"It is for that reason that I move that the rules be approved now."
Approval was given by Council.
The Hon. Mr. B.C.K. Hawkins, Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was sworn in yesterday as a member of the Legislative Council.
Council was adjourned for a fortnight.
Playing their first game in Bangkok on Tuesday, South China football team beat the Combined Universities by six goals to two.
Goalkeepers were Tso Kam-ho (2), Leo Wal-long, Chau Tak-fai, Leo Shek-yau and Leo Tin-kee.
London, Aug. 20.
In the first round of the Glasgow Football Cup, Rangers defeated Partick Thistle by the only goal scored in the match.—Reuter.